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Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 19:03:11 EST

From: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: QRP-L digest 2098

QRP-L Digest 2098

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by "Chuck Adams, K7Q0" <k7qo@primenet.com>
- 12) [91613] FS: More shack cleaning
by "Richard Matthews" <prm@hiwaay.net>
- 13) [91614] Re: [TMPS] Tuesday February 13th, 2001
by Macstein@aol.com
- 14) [91615] Great half-hour
by "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
- 15) [91616] VP5/N2GA on 7.028 @ 0241Z
by david gauding <david.gauding@bbs.galilei.com>
- 16) [91617] EC6TK on 7021.8 @ 0258Z
by david gauding <david.gauding@bbs.galilei.com>
- 17) [91618] Re: SSB QRP
by Steve Yates - AA5TB <aa5tb@arrl.net>
- 18) [91619] FS: DSW-40 sold PSK-80 still available
by "Richard Matthews" <prm@hiwaay.net>
- 19) [91620] CW contacts in the SCR

- by "Bill Wetherill" <n2wg@ec.rr.com>
- 20) [91621] BNC-BJ Adapter?
by John Farler <jfarler@mis.net>
- 21) [91622] Re: EC6TK on 7021.8 @ 0258Z
by "Brian Murrey" <bmurrey@amexol.net>
- 22) [91623] Items spoken for on www.k5js.net
by Karl Heimbach <kheimbach@earthlink.net>
- 23) [91624] Re: Great half-hour
by Tim Pettibone <k5oi@zianet.com>
- 24) [91625] Pre-hamfest sale
by Goemans <jgoemans@facstaff.wisc.edu>
- 25) [91626] Re: OT: HTML Editor??
by Monty N5FC <n5fc@io.com>
- 26) [91627] Re: Mobile Antenna for my Rubbermaid Van
by "Wayne Barnhart" <wb7whi@home.com>
- 27) [91628] 22' Collapsible Fiberglass Pole - New?
by david gauding <david.gauding@bbs.galilei.com>
- 28) [91629] HB - BLT's and wooden radios
by n5ib@juno.com
- 29) [91630] Re: Mobile Antenna for my Rubbermaid Van
by Shepherd@aol.com
- 30) [91631] My turn as the FOX
by "James R. Duffey" <jamesd1@flash.net>
- 31) [91632] Texas Bill H.B. 1148
by Bill Stietenroth <k5zty@juno.com>
- 32) [91633] Feb 12 Final Cub Fox hunt Log
by "Glenn Maclean" <glennmaclean@ix.netcom.com>
- 33) [91634] Re: FS: Sierra, IC-502A, OHR SCAF
by "James R. Duffey" <jamesd1@flash.net>
- 34) [91635] Fox- A confession to Father Megacycle
by Pete Burbank <plburbank@kih.net>
- 35) [91636] Thanks for the help
by WB9MII@aol.com
- 36) [91637] Slide-on labels from your ink jet printer
by ae5x@netscape.net (John Harper AE5X)
- 37) [91638] SSB QRP
by John R Kirby <n3aaz-qrp@juno.com>
- 38) [91639] Re: Mobile Antenna for my Rubbermaid Van
by Lazaro Munoz <laz@panix.com>
- 39) [91640] Re: Mobile Antenna for my Rubbermaid Van
by Harris Keith E CONT CNIN <harris_k@crane.navy.mil>
- 40) [91641] Re: Antenna mounting on rubbermaid van
by Harris Keith E CONT CNIN <harris_k@crane.navy.mil>
- 41) [91642] Re: Lightning payout
by Lazaro Munoz <laz@panix.com>
- 42) [91643] Re: If could only have just one radio...
by Lazaro Munoz <laz@panix.com>
- 43) [91644] Re: Mobile Antenna for my Rubbermaid Van

by "Brian" <bmurrey@amexol.net>
44) [91645] FS: K-2
by Richard Matthews <prm@hiwaay.net>
45) [91646] Re: Tips on Operating Mobile CW
by "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
46) [91647] Re: Slide-on labels from your ink jet printer
by "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
47) [91648] Re: Mobile Antenna for my Rubbermaid Van
by Shepherd@aol.com
48) [91649] QRP+ Companion Tuner
by W8IRQ@aol.com
49) [91650] Re: My turn as the FOX
by Thomas Jennings <jennings@eng14.rochny.uspra.abb.com>
50) [91651] MI QRP net and more
by ed.kwik@delphiauto.com
51) [91652] Re: bending aluminum
by "Lau, Zack, W1VT" <zlau@arrl.org>
52) [91653] Qrp Cheesehead Coming to HI
by Bcieslak@ra.rockwell.com
53) [91654] Contest: C6A (Bahamas) Operation K7RE & N4BP
by Brian Kassel <bkassel@dancris.com>
54) [91655] Re: Lightning payout
by wa4dou@excite.com
55) [91656] Re: [91547] PSK-31 software for 486/80 computer
by Dan Halbert <halbert@bbn.com>
56) [91657] Re: QRP+ Companion
by W8IRQ@aol.com
57) [91658] Joy
by "Juan Ferrari" <puntrad@usa.net>
58) [91659] RE: Junkyard Wars QRP Transmitter
by "AI2Q Alex" <ai2q@adelphia.net>
59) [91660] Re: Joy
by "James Parsons" <res075cz@gte.net>
60) [91661] Re: Joy
by "Chuck Carpenter" <w5usj@globeco.net>
61) [91662] Re: Joy
by Shepherd@aol.com
62) [91663] OT: QST kit article
by Bcieslak@ra.rockwell.com
63) [91664] Re: Mobile Antenna for my Rubbermaid Van
by "Francis Callahan" <colcal@srv.net>
64) [91665] Re: What Kind of Antenna?
by Bill Coleman <aa4lr@arrl.net>
65) [91666] Re: Mobile Antenna for my Rubbermaid Van
by Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
66) [91667] Re: OT: QST kit article
by Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
67) [91668] Website update...

by "Ed Tanton" <n4xy@att.net>
68) [91669] Re: Joy
by "Brian" <bmurrey@amexol.net>
69) [91670] Annual Banquet
by "Mugleston, Brad" <brad.mugleston@gwl.com>
70) [91671] Re: My turn as the FOX
by Bruce Rattray <rattray@gpfn.sk.ca>
71) [91672] re: hb - blt's and wooden radios
by Mike Bray <mikebray@uplogon.com>
72) [91673] who had the jackson harbor keyer fs?
by Michael Goins <mgoins@usa.net>
73) [91674] FS: IC706/II
by agtaylor@llnl.gov
74) [91675] thanks for jackson ahrbor keyer fs info
by Michael Goins <mgoins@usa.net>
75) [91676] Joy
by Bcieslak@ra.rockwell.com
76) [91677] Missing parts!!
by "Doug Hendricks" <ki6ds@dph.dpol.net>
77) [91678] [TMP5] FR5FD QSL Rcvd -- Wow!
by "Chuck Carpenter" <w5usj@globeco.net>
78) [91679] Re: Joy
by Tom Isgro <k8cz@concentric.net>
79) [91680] OT: QST/Hallicrafters article
by JFStrain@aol.com
80) [91681] Re: Joy
by Tom Isgro <k8cz@concentric.net>
81) [91682] Re: Contest QSLs
by Curt Milton <wb8yyy@yahoo.com>
82) [91683] TR Log
by "Ron, KU7Y" <ku7y@qsl.net>
83) [91684] Re: Tips on Operating Mobile CW
by "Ron, KU7Y" <ku7y@qsl.net>
84) [91685] Fox: Won't you be my "Foxentine?" Hunt #35 NOUR
by Jim NOUR <n0ur@yahoo.com>
85) [91686] _REALLY GOOD_ Tuning Tools, What to Get?
by "Rod Cerkoney" <n0rc@hotmail.com>
86) [91687] Re: TR Log
by "Larry Gaalaas" <lgaalaas@qwest.net>
87) [91688] Re: Lightning payout
by "Stuart Rohre" <rohre@arlut.utexas.edu>
88) [91689] Re: Long Dry Spell Broken!!
by John Harper AE5X <ae5x@qsl.net>
89) [91690] Re: Tips on Operating Mobile CW
by Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
90) [91691] Yaesu FT-301SD Wanted
by Tim ORourke <TORourke@KaiserFT.com>
91) [91692] Help - Schematic Needed

by "L. Jeffrey Hetherington" <jeff@systems95.com>
92) [91693] Re: Tips on Operating Mobile CW
by "bob baxter" <rbaxter@cybertrails.com>
93) [91694] RE: Mobile CW
by Euramcom <mel@euramcom.freemove.co.uk>
94) [91695] Pretty neat QST this month!
by "George Heron N2APB" <n2apb@erols.com>
95) [91696] Re: Help - Schematic Needed
by "L. Jeffrey Hetherington" <jeff@systems95.com>
96) [91697] RE: Mobile CW
by <schoon@amgt.com>
97) [91698] 40m TT2 Beacon @ ~7085 m/c
by "Chuck Carpenter" <w5usj@globeco.net>
98) [91699] For Sale:Red Hot 40
by "Jay Bromley" <w5jay@alltel.net>
99) [91700] Re: Tips on Operating Mobile CW
by Pete Burbank <plburbank@kih.net>
100) [91701] Re:Joy (Longish)
by "Juan Ferrari" <puntrad@usa.net>
101) [91702] Re: Tips on Operating Mobile CW
by "Victor Blackwell" <victor@brecnet.com>
102) [91703] Re: Tips on Operating Mobile CW
by "Richard Brummer, K2JQ" <k2jq@bestweb.net>
103) [91704] RE: Tips on Operating Mobile CW
by <schoon@amgt.com>
104) [91705] Re: Tips on Operating Mobile CW
by "Richard Brummer, K2JQ" <k2jq@bestweb.net>
105) [91706] Re: Joy (Longish)
by Tom Isgro <k8cz@concentric.net>

Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 19:04:58 -0500
From: "Victor Blackwell" <victor@brecnet.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [91602] An after thought.
Message-ID: <00df01c09619\$c5767f00\$5a5730d1@victor>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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charset="iso-8859-1"
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An after thought, This would make a great club project, building the CW sending machines. Your clubs "skill groups" could get great practice and experience. Design, laying out, soldering, etc., etc.. Find a sponsor, give them to hams who need them. Collect donations at hamfest. Everybody has a little change in their pockets. ETC..
I bet the club I belong to would get excited about it. How about yours?

Vic AD8K

Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 19:15:11 -0500
From: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
To: wb4mnf@atl.org
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [91603] Re: If could only have just one radio...
Message-ID: <3A89CE0F.80985B05@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Bob,

The Kenwood TS520 had a 12 volt power supply built in. You can find it on the early TS520's. It is a black box mounted almost dead center on the back panel. In addition the TS520 had switchable AC input power, from 110 to 240 volts! I used mine in Europe on both the 220 volt line and in England on the 230 volt line!

73

Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 18:24:27 -0600
From: Bryn Joynes <bryn@pcpractice.com>
To: ae4ic@nr.infi.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91604] Re: More QRP Challenges
Message-ID: <3A89D03B.3A9FD2D7@pcpractice.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Please post any nets as I would be interested in more information.

When I find an interesting article or email I print it out, and file it in a large file. Then on wet cold days like to day I thumb through the file looking for interesting tidbits, or antenna projects. I'm slowly building an answer book to all my questions this way. Other hams also find it interesting to sit and thumb through.

Sorry for the off topic in the second paragraph....

Bryn
N4VM

Bob Kellogg wrote:

> If there are other regular nets out there besides those Bill
> mentioned, I hope someone will fill us in. I, for one, enjoy checking
> in to them occasionally.
>

Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 19:51:54 -0500
From: David Sarraf <david.sarraf@paonline.com>
To: kb7ww@chatusa.com, qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [91605] HTML Editor
Message-ID: <3A89D6AA.708E0374@paonline.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Art:

My favorite "HTML Editor" is Netscape Communicator 4.7. I showed up late for a meeting of my local radio club to find that I had been appointed the new webmaster. I had done lots of programming in the past and knew what HTML was about but never had to make web pages. After spending lots of time checking out various software packages I found that Netscape worked best for me. It does everything but frames, has a nearly WYSIWYG editor and a preview feature, helps you to upload your files, and will allow editing the underlying HTML code with an external editor. For the class of work I did and the time I wanted to invest in learning software I saw no advantage to the commercial or shareware packages such as Coffee Cup or Hot Metal. Check out the results at http://www.geocities.com/k3ir_sparc. The site isn't glamorous but it does get the point across.

Dave Sarraf

Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 17:53:09 -0700 (MST)
From: moglesto@ecentral.com
To: qrp-1 <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>

Subject: [91606] Mobile CW
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.10.10102131745440.9980-1000000@mugleston.mugs.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

All this talk about Mobile CW got me to thinking about my first /m contact. I wasn't mobile but my contact signed /m and gave his QTH as San Francisco before the end of the contact he sent his QTH again now as Oakland - I guessed he was on the highway. I got his QSL card and it was a nice picture of a NEWS Helicopter. What a great HAM Shack.

de KI00T, Brad

Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 17:37:08 -0800
From: "Glenn Maclean" <glennmaclean@ix.netcom.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91607] Feb 12 Cub Fox Hunt Preliminary Log
Message-ID: <001d01c09626\$a55f8c40\$0a01c6c0@oemcomputer>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Thank you everyone for checking in with me. I had a steady stream of hounds. I am sorry if I did not get you in the log. This was my last time as a Cub Fox this season. If the committee will have me I would love to do it again next year. Some of you were tough to get all the information due to QSB. Please send me corrections as soon as possible.

Thanks again 73's
Glenn Maclean WA7SPY

Time	Call	RST	State	Name	Power
02:00	K0EVZ	569	ND	DOC	3W
02:01	K7FD	599	OR	JOHN	5W
02:02	WK6I	599	CA	JEFF	5W
02:03	AC5JH	559	OK	TOM	5W
02:07	AA7XA	559	OR	FRANK	5W
02:11	VA6RF	589	AB	EARL	5W
02:13	NW7DX	569	WA	BEN	5W
02:16	K50I	559	NM	TIM	5W
02:19	KG6CMS	599	CA	RON	70W (NOT QRP)
02:21	W6ABC	599	CA	JACK	500MW
02:23	WA7TQK	579	ID	BILL	5W

02:24	W0CH	559	MO	DAVE	5W
02:28	KG6ELY	589	CA	RON	5W
02:30	K5DI	599	NM	KARL	5W
02:35	K9IUA	559	ND	KEVIN	5W
0:236	WA9GWP	549	WI	PAUL	5W
02:41	KE6RS	599	CA	RON	5W
02:44	KB7WWK	559	OR	ART	5W
02:46	AA7EQ	559	AZ	BOB	5W
02:48	KK5LD	559	TX	DAN	5W
02:51	KI0II	579	CO	RON	5W
02:58	N0KLV	559	MN	KEVIN	5W
03:03	W9WIS	559	WI	MIKE	5W
03:07	W7ILW	559	AZ	HOWARD	3W
03:10	KK7OQ	579	OR	JIM	5W
03:14	KK5LD	559	TX	DAN	5W
DUPE					
03:15	KG0LD	559	NB	BILL	5W
03:19	WU9F	579	WI	TERRY	5W
03:23	AF4LQ	559	KY	MIKE	5W
03:24	KC0GXX	559	NE	TOM	3W
03:31	N4VM	559	TN	BRYN	5W
03:34	KJ0C??	559	MO	JIM	5W
03:36	K7OZN	549	WA	BILL	4W
03:41	N4ROA	339	VA	DAN	5W
03:47	AF4PS	339	FL	MAC	4W
03:48	K5DW	339	TX	DON	5W
03:51	K4FB	449	FL	PAUL	5W
03:54	KB0QQT??	339	NE	STEVE	5W
04:00	WA7SPY	CUB FOX	CA	GLENN	5W

Thanks again and I hope there are not too many mistakes here.
Glenn Maclean WA7SPY

Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 20:52:33 -0500
 From: "Charles Mabbott" <crmabbott@mediaone.net>
 To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
 Subject: [91608] RE: If could only have just one radio...
 Message-ID: <GAECLOGOMILPLBGKKPEGKENHCDA.crmabbott@mediaone.net>
 MIME-Version: 1.0
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I have one of those to, great feature, three way power supply! Sounds like something the new rigs should consider especially those who, QRP and travel alot.

73 ES oo

Chuck AA8VS

-----Original Message-----

From: owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU [mailto:owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU] On Behalf Of Bruce Muscolino

Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2001 7:15 PM

To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion

Subject: Re: If could only have just one radio...

Bob,

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Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 20:49:21 -0500

From: Dan Wolfe <n4roa@mounet.com>

To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU

Subject: [91609] Thanks

Message-ID: <3A89E420.7815@mounet.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Howdy,

I found a large "Priority Mail" envelope in my box today. A very big and nice surprise was inside in the form of a certificate sent to me by Jay Broomley, W5JAY.

It said "2000 MILLIWATT TRIPLE CROWN CONTEST...FIRST PLACE". Very nice certificate representing the KnightLites QRP Society, Ft. Smith QRP Group, and Iowa QRP Club. It was also signed by

three most noteworthy, QRP promoting, awesome reps from each club. Namely, Bob Kellogg, from the KnightLites, Jay Broomley, from the Ft. Smith group, and John Burnley, from the Iowa QRP Club. I am very proud and already have it in a frame.

Thanks again guys and gals. It's people like these three, and their groups promoting QRP, that gives QRP a good name and makes it so much fun.

72/73..Dan Wolfe, N4ROA

Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 19:11:00 -0700
From: Mike Zabel <mikezabel@qwest.net>
To: flesnick@tbaytel.net, Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91610] Re: Fun with SATS QRP style
Message-ID: <3A89E934.CD01C3CE@qwest.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Hello All,
I am currently shopping for my first Dual Band HT, and one of my main goals is to get on the FM Sats with you guys. Does anyone have recommendations for me on which rig to buy? If I understand correctly, Full duplex capabilities are better? Unfortunately, adding this requirement narrows the choices of current production HT's considerably. I am currently looking at the Kenwood TH-79akss or Icom IC-W32a. Alternatly, I am considering the Kenwood Fred has, the TH-G71, but It doesn't offer full duplex. Do I really need Duplex to get into this SAT work? Any comments appreciated.
73 - Mike Zabel- KC5U0J

Fred Lesnick wrote:

>
> I also have been having a ball with U014 and the rubber duck on my
> Kenwood THG71 handheld, running low power. I am just putting my final
> touches and tuning the 70 cm portion of my VE3FAL prototype of the Arrow
> Antenna, and it looks good and works well, and much much cheaper then
> running out and buying one. So look for you chaps on A027 and U014.
>
> Fred
> VE3FAL
> EN58/EN48

Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 21:24:29 -0500
From: Paul Womble <pwomble1@tampabay.rr.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91611] Fox- KK6MC/5
Message-ID: <3A89EC5D.C88076F9@tampabay.rr.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Thanks for the pelt tonight Jim. It was the first pelt for K1 # 376.
I'll hang it proudly on the wall of the shack.

Band conditions were pretty good here tonight. The roar of the pack was
awesome tonight. There must have been a couple of hundred hounds
yelping at the start!!

73
Paul K4FB

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 02:37:33 +0000
From: "Chuck Adams, K7Q0" <k7qo@primenet.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [91612] [TMPS] Tuesday February 13th, 2001
Message-ID: <5.0.2.1.0.20010214023006.00a34bf0@pop.primenet.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
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Gang,

Thanks to AF4PS, Big Mac, and some others I picked up a few more
states today. Mac was in QSO with another QRPer and I managed to
catch him on his way out the door. He was going QRT but managed
to stay a short time to get the exchange official.

I did manage 3 states in 3 QSOs back to back. Pretty good day so
far.

From about 0200 to 0245 each night the band dies and then comes
back. I have figured this out to be the transition period here
from daylight propagation to night time propagation. Next stop
is to see how seasonal it is.

About 60% are 2xQRP Qs and I'm working a lot of long wires and verticals --- antennas with relatively low take off angles. More than 75% I'd say, but I'll nail down the stats as I get to around 200 Qs or so. That'll be more statistically significant. You can do a lot with one data point. :-) Stat joke!!

Again, if you have not gotten on 30 meters yet, I highly recommend you do so. It is a very popular band with the QRPers and a lot of people from the list I run into there.

FYI

Chuck Adams, K7QO
Prescott, AZ k7qo@primenet.com http://www.qsl.net/k7qo http://
moon.pr.erau.edu/~adamsc

TMPS-2001 Feb 13, 2001 Q's = 132 States = 37 Counties = 112 DXCC = 8
SWL-30 with CMOS 3 keyer and HB Iambic Paddle 0.500W and vee-beam

ID TX LA ND CA AZ NM WY NV MT CO OR ME KY WA SD NE NC AR IA GA HI MN AL WI
(first 25)

MD OH CT MO SC TN OK PA NJ FL MA NY (in order worked)

DXCC --- K XE VE KH6 V73 HI3 FM5 OH3

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 02:39:56 -0000
From: "Richard Matthews" <prm@hiwaay.net>
To: "q" <qrp-1@Lehigh.edu>
Subject: [91613] FS: More shack cleaning
Message-ID: <00dc01c0962f\$72fbae60\$6f85150c@scottsboro.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

DSW-40 in bright blue case excellent condition with assembly/operation
manual
\$150.00 with me paying shipping CONUS

PSK-80 Warbler bare bones no case with manual \$50.00 with me paying
shipping CONUS

Also for Warbler Serial cable and gender changer \$20.00

Both rigs in excellent condition and work great.

73,

Richard WA4NWW

Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 21:49:24 EST
From: Macstein@aol.com
To: k7qo@primenet.com, qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [91614] Re: [TMPS] Tuesday February 13th, 2001
Message-ID: <da.24ebb0f.27bb4c34@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

In a message dated 2/13/2001 9:39:24 PM Eastern Standard Time,
k7qo@primenet.com writes:

> Thanks to AF4PS, Big Mac, and some others I picked up a few more
> states today. Mac was in QSO with another QRPer and I managed to
> catch him on his way out the door. He was going QRT but managed
> to stay a short time to get the exchange official.

WOW, Chuck was 579 with his QRPP!!!! I had to run to a meeting or we could
have done 2xQRPP easily!!!! Thanks Chuck, glad to give you FL!!!!

-MAC-
AF4PS
Odessa, FL

Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 19:56:44 -0700 (MST)
From: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>
To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [91615] Great half-hour
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.31.0102131940030.1674-100000@cannac.ampr.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

I was ready for the Fox tonight because he is so close. I tuned up on my Cloud Warmer 138 foot wire fed in the center with 450 ohm ribbon and to my happy surprise Jim was 599! Got him in 10 minutes and went back to my SMK-1 Kit that I had just got wired into the nice little box that was a companion kit from NJ and also fun to make up.

So as I got 12 volts put on this surface mount kit made by a 65 year old football tackle with ham size hands, I was pretty sure it would not work.

Tim K50I worked the Fox and we met, as usual on a local repeater to congratulate each other. I had just tapped the keyer and sure enough there was power on 7040! So I said to Tim let's see if you can hear my SMK-1 on 7040 which was being used by Mexican Hams. I found some earphones and listened with the antenna and heard stations!

I called k5oi and he came right back with 579. I gave him 599 cuzz he was very strong. Then Tim let me hear myself key the tiny rig and it sounded ok but it has a whoop to it. This may well be due to the missing 390 pf capacitor in the transmitter output stage. The rig is too loud in my ear phones so I think the missing diode will fix that.

Happy, you bet! I will never shi away from a surface mount job again. It's a ball having a Tuna Tin Special transmitter and a very good direct conversion reciever ALL in a space smaller than a Tuna Tin.

I will make a shedule with w4?? who wants to work my smk-1 after I get the rig so I can load the full 1/4 watt into my Fox eating 1/4 wave vertical....:-)

Now isn't that a crazy and good 30 minutes or WHAT?

Yours Truly,

- Karl F. Larsen, k5di@arrl.net (505) 524-3303 -

Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 20:38:01 -0600
From: david gauding <david.gauding@bbs.galilei.com>
To: qrp-L@lehigh.edu
Subject: [91616] VP5/N2GA on 7.028 @ 0241Z
Message-ID: <5.0.2.1.0.20010213203410.00aa86c0@bbs.galilei.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

VP5/N2GA ON 7.028 @ 0241Z

4W with Corsair I to St. Louis Express Vertical.

#47 on 40CW with this portable antenna farm wintering in my backyard! <g>

Good luck!

de Dave, NF0R nf0r@slacc.com

Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 20:52:33 -0600
From: david gauding <david.gauding@bbs.galilei.com>
To: qrp-L@lehigh.edu
Subject: [91617] EC6TK on 7021.8 @ 0258Z
Message-ID: <5.0.2.1.0.20010213205044.00ab27f0@bbs.galilei.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

EC6TK (Balearic Is) on 7021.8 @ 0258Z

5W with Corsair I to SLX vertical.

Calling CQ now.

Good luck!

de Dave, NF0R nf0r@slacc.com

Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 20:43:39 -0600
From: Steve Yates - AA5TB <aa5tb@arrl.net>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91618] Re: SSB QRP
Message-ID: <00c901c0962f\$f0d39000\$bb703ed8@aa5tb>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

This will only give an average "meter movement" which will vary considerably depending on one's voice characteristics and the dampening of the meter movement. If you rig's power is limited by an ALC adjustment then you can be pretty certain that the PEP of your SSB signal will not be any greater

then the output of your CW signal. Just turning the microphone gain down on a 100W rig so that the meter reads 5W only means that your average power is low with the PEP still possible at 100W. This will simply sound like you have your mic gain down too low and won't work that well, but the PEP will still most likely be exceeding QRP levels.

73,

Steve Yates - AA5TB

Fort Worth, TX - EM12gs

aa5tb@arrl.net

<http://www.geocities.com/aa5tb>

----- Original Message -----

From: <Bcieslak@ra.rockwell.com>

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2001 2:50 PM

Subject: SSB QRP

fred w2xn wrote:

>How do you measure your power in SSB to know if you are QRP? That darn
>little needle won't stand still for me.

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An old trick they taught me in radio school was to say a long drawn out
belowing 'FOOOOUURRRR' while
tuning and peaking the voice signal. It holds the signal pretty steady and
gives you an idea of your output.

I am not sure if there is some science behind or not

Brian AE9K

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 03:10:55 -0000

From: "Richard Matthews" <prm@hiwaay.net>

To: "q" <qrp-1@Lehigh.edu>

Subject: [91619] FS: DSW-40 sold PSK-80 still available

Message-ID: <012401c09633\$c09eb960\$6f85150c@scottsboro.org>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain;

charset="iso-8859-1"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

DSW-40 sold PSK-80 still available

Richard , WA4NWW

Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 22:14:05 -0500
From: "Bill Wetherill" <n2wg@ec.rr.com>
To: <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [91620] CW contacts in the SCR
Message-ID: <000f01c09634\$308285e0\$f9261918@ec.rr.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I will be operating CW QRP in the School Club roundup at the The Boys and Girls Homes Middle School at Lake Waccamaw, NC on Thursday from 12:30 PM until 3:00 PM EST. Students and teachers will be observing.

I need some contacts. Not much cw in the SCR. Please help if you can.

The exchange is RST, entry class (I - Individual Operator, C - Club or S - School club), and State or DX entity.

I'll be operating on 20 meters around 14.059 Thursday from 12:30 PM until 3:00 PM.

Call used AC4RC.

The Dit Dit may be a third party ops first CW.

Tnx es 72,

Bill - N2WG

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 03:20:09 -0500
From: John Farler <jfarler@mis.net>
To: qrp-l <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91621] BNC-BJ Adapter?

Message-ID: <3A8A3FB9.D3CEB6AF@mis.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Somewhat qrp.... I am looking for a source other than ICOM for an adapter called a BNC-BJ Adapter, which is used to connect a male BNC connector to the threaded connector they use on their handheld Marine VHF Radio's such as the IC-M3A they are presently selling. The rubber duck that comes with this radio has a threaded stud in the middle of the connector, and the base into which it fits also has an internal thread on the rim which will fit the above adapter. I think some earlier ham gear, perhaps the long-lived IC-2A, also had this type of connector, although I'm not certain it is the same size.

To make a long story short, I gave my son-in-law the Marine Radio to help him in the inland waters where he fishes in SC in a small boat, and want to make a J-Pole gain antenna for it in case he is out of range with the duckie, or some other situation. Icom sent the wrong part, and they will restock, but it will cost me at least \$30 dollars by time all is said and done, and I should be able to beat that if I can find someone who stocks it...Reply off line OK.

Thanks ahead to this group for the help. Someone always comes through.....

J. Farler, K4AVX
jfarler@mis.net

Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 22:17:16 -0500
From: "Brian Murrey" <bmmurrey@amexol.net>
To: <david.gauding@bbs.galilei.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91622] Re: EC6TK on 7021.8 @ 0258Z
Message-ID: <00b401c09634\$a2d4e160\$0964030a@iquest.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Dave,

You amaze me to no end. You must have ears that would make most radio telescopes jealous. I know you've pulled me out a few times and I just don't know how.

Excellent indeed.

72 es "oo"

----- Original Message -----

From: "david gauding" <david.gauding@bbs.galilei.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2001 9:52 PM
Subject: EC6TK on 7021.8 @ 0258Z

> EC6TK (Balearic Is) on 7021.8 @ 0258Z
>
> 5W with Corsair I to SLX vertical.
>
> Calling CQ now.
>
> Good luck!
>
>
> de Dave, NF0R nf0r@slacc.com
>
>

Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 21:42:55 -0600
From: Karl Heimbach <kheimbach@earthlink.net>
To: "HEATH@LISTSERV.TEMPE.GOV" <HEATH@LISTSERV.TEMPE.GOV>, swan@qth.net, boatanchors@qth.net, qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [91623] Items spoken for on www.k5js.net
Message-ID: <3A89FEBF.B53E61F4@earthlink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Gang,

A thousand apologies, but my PC suffered a disk crash yesterday, and I've been trying to reconstruct the list of buyers for the equipment posted.

I think I've emailed each buyer, but if I've forgotten someone, please email and I'll get things straightened out.

I'm currently running a Dec Alpha with Linux, so email is not quite as easy as on the PC.

The page has been moved from www.k5js.net to:

<http://home.earthlink.net/~kheimbach/>

More items will be posted after I get my HTML editor back.

Thanks,

Karl - W5QJ

Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 20:42:50 -0700
From: Tim Pettibone <k5oi@zianet.com>
To: k5di@zianet.com, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91624] Re: Great half-hour
Message-ID: <5.0.2.1.0.20010213203955.00a0c540@zianet.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Karl:

I'm glad you worked the fox and am delighted to be your first SMK-1 contact. My SMK-1 is close but not yet completed. I differ from your assessment in that I KNOW that I have no desire to do anymore surface mount. Thanks Doug et. al. for letting me learn that important lesson. Are we having fun yet?

Tim K5OI
Las Cruces, NM

Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 21:51:00 -0600
From: Goemans <jgoemans@facstaff.wisc.edu>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [91625] Pre-hamfest sale
Message-ID: <3.0.2.32.20010213215100.006a0ae8@facstaff.wisc.edu>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Greetings all,

Getting ready for hamfest sale, you guys get first crack at some of the good stuff, because I like you! I am selling:

1. New unbuilt SWL DSW-40, included is a new volume control with a switch (same size as stock control, just has a switch) \$150 to your door in conUS.
2. New J-37 straight key. I ripped the mil. packaging open myself! \$25 shipped.
3. TiCK-2 surface-mount keyer kit built and working (no case) \$20
4. Older Curtis 8044ABM keyer kit, built into an altoids box, with 9v battery snap that also fits inside. With docs. \$20 shipped.
5. Jackson Harbor PK-2 keyer kit AND hardware kit, unbuilt. \$20 shipped.

Please Email me direct, I will accept money orders or bank checks on these items.

72, Paul

Paul Goemans WA9PWP
1508 Sundt Lane
Stoughton, Wi 53589

wa9pwp@arrl.net

Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 21:55:11 -0600
From: Monty N5FC <n5fc@io.com>
To: kb7ww@chatusa.com, qrp-1@Lehigh.edu

Subject: [91626] Re: OT: HTML Editor??
Message-ID: <4.3.2.7.1.20010213205530.00acb630@mail.io.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Hi Art:

On Mon, 12 Feb 2001, on QRP-L, you wrote:

>Gang, Would anyone have a recommendation, for a know nothing about HTML,
for a
>easy HTML editor. Thanks, Art

You don't really need an HTML editor, Art. Lots of people don't know this, but HTML was DESIGNED to write using a TEXT editor (like Windows Notepad, or DOS Edit or UNIX VI or Pico). It's amazingly easy to learn to write HTML, and very rewarding to build a web page that way. And the text editor is in keeping with the QRP philosophy of "keeping it simple" while getting great results.

I have a non-commercial HTML Tutorial on my web page, broken down into easy 5-minute lessons that teach essential HTML from start to - well, advanced. Go to my ham web page and scroll down to the link "N5FC's HTML Tutorial".

<http://www.io.com/~n5fc/>

You can progress through it lesson-by-lesson, or go to the index and find lessons you're most interested in. If you're brand new to HTML, read the lesson "All About HTML Tags" before you go off into other lessons.

Incidentally, for those who already dabble in HTML, the Tutorial's Index will point you to "Tag Summaries" which make great "cheat sheets" for remembering HTML tags.

If you find my tutorial is not your cup of tea, I have a page of links to other HTML learning resources at
<http://www.io.com/~maddog/html-for-real-people/html1link.htm>

By the way, there's alot's QRP on the N5FC web page... check that out, too. And guess what? It was all written using a text editor!

72,
monty N5FC

Monty Northrup, N5FC
Austin, Texas

e-mail: n5fc@io.com
web page (ham radio): <http://www.io.com/~n5fc>
web page (home): <http://www.io.com/~maddog>

Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 20:08:04 -0800
From: "Wayne Barnhart" <wb7whi@home.com>
To: <Shephed@aol.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91627] Re: Mobile Antenna for my Rubbermaid Van
Message-ID: <004901c0963b\$bb024960\$43761418@spokn1.wa.home.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

He's not. Spend more time reading and less typing.

Wayne WB7WHI
Spokane, Wa.

----- Original Message -----
From: <Shephed@aol.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2001 9:50 AM
Subject: Re: Mobile Antenna for my Rubbermaid Van

> Brian,
> please don't clutter this list asking for help with your CB radio. This is
a QRP/Ham Radio list.
>
> Thanks you.
> Dan, N8IE
>
> In a message dated Tue, 13 Feb 2001 12:28:46 PM Eastern Standard Time,
"Brian" <bmurrey@amexol.net> writes:
>
> << I don't have a CB radio in my van. That's in my other car.
>
> 10-4?
>
> Thanks for all the help!
>
> <g>
>

> ----- Original Message -----
> From: <Shepherd@aol.com>
> To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
> Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2001 12:19 PM
> Subject: Re: Mobile Antenna for my Rubbermaid Van
>
>
> > Brian,
> > I would use the same mount that you currently use for you CB antenna.
> :-D
> >
> > 72, oo, Ten-Fo
> > Dan, N8IE
> >
> > In a message dated Tue, 13 Feb 2001 12:04:26 PM Eastern Standard Time,
> > "Brian" <bmurrey@amexol.net> writes:
> >
> > << Hi fellow QRPers and QRPpers...
> >
> > I will be taking my Rubbermaid coated van to Dayton this year, it's a
> > Chevy
> > Lumina, about a 1994 model, and there is not a single exposed hunk of
> > metal
> > that I can find.
> >
> > I'd like to put a 20m and 40m antenna on it. Hamstick? Something else?
> > Does
> > someone make special mounts for Rubbermaid vans?
> >
> > I will not be running CW or SSB while driving but I would like to have
> > the
> > option of doing both while riding.
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> >
> > =====
> > KB9BVN/QRP - New Whiteland IN - EM69WN
> > QRP-ARCI #10223 QRP-L #1540 FIST #5695
> > FISTS CC #764 - Proud Member ARRL
> > TEN TEC SCOUT @ 5W or NORCAL 40A @ 1.3W
> > INTO INFAMOUS AF4PS ATTIC DIPOLE
> > SOC #400 AND FLYING PIGS QRP #-57
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Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 22:04:03 -0600
From: david gauding <david.gauding@bbs.galilei.com>
To: qrp-L@lehigh.edu
Subject: [91628] 22' Collapsible Fiberglass Pole - New?
Message-ID: <5.0.2.1.0.20010213214515.00ab2580@bbs.galilei.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Into-The-Wind, a mail-order kite dealer, has a new 22' collapsible pole in its 2001 catalog. I have not see this one before.

The brand is "Premier" and is marked as "Windsock Pole". The description mentions "heavy-duty" and "stiffer tips". The product is intended for suspending banners and flags.

This is a \$49.00 item (plus \$6.00 shipping) and lengths down to 10' are available. The pole collapses to 47".

Wondering if anyone has already purchased on of these poles? If you wish to comment here about the quality and features that would be appreciated. Knowing the exact length of a fully extended pole would also be helpful.

Try <http://www.intothewind.com> for details. There is a product search engine. Enter #9634 and that should bring it up.

There is another 20' pole called the "Jacklite" at \$29.50 plus shipping. Enter #9642.

I buy fiberglass kite tubing, solid rod and ferrules from these folks from time-to-time for use in portable antenna projects. Quality and service is always first rate.

Regards,

de Dave, NF0R nf0r@slacc.com

Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 23:11:03 EST
From: n5ib@juno.com
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.edu
Subject: [91629] HB - BLT's and wooden radios
Message-ID: <20010213.220857.4663.3.n5ib@juno.com>

I recently completed a NorCal BLT (Balanced Line Tuner) but didn't use the NJQRP PC board case, but rather built it into a small wood box (cherry) to go with my other wooden radios. The circuit was built ugly style under the top cover so it just drops into place in the box. A little whimsical panel art completes the effect. Oh, and it works great too. Thanks NorCal!!

I've put several pictures on my web pages of the BLT, my GM-15 in an oak box, and some extra shots of the GM-30 (that's doing TMPS) in its poplar box.

<<http://www.qsl.net/n5ib>>

Jim, N5IB and trustee of W5YW (LSU club)
Baton Rouge, LA [GPS: 91 6.099 W, 30 23.624 N]
Home: n5ib@juno.com LSU: giamman@rouge.phys.lsu.edu
web page: <http://www.qsl.net/n5ib>
QRP-L #1913 Zombie #648 SOC #159 QRP-ARCI #10179

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Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 23:16:13 EST
From: Shepherd@aol.com
To: wb7whi@home.com, qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [91630] Re: Mobile Antenna for my Rubbermaid Van
Message-ID: <76.7be0274.27bb608d@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

In a message dated 2/13/2001 11:05:04 PM Eastern Standard Time,

wb7whi@home.com writes:

> He's not. Spend more time reading and less typing.
>
> Wayne WB7WHI
> Spokane, Wa.
>

Well no kidding Wayne, it's called humor.
Take your own advice. :-)

72, 73, oo's
Dan, N8IE Kettering, Oh
FPqrp #--6, QRP-1 #1404, FISTS #4985, Zombie #667, SOC #284
<http://members.aol.com/shephed/n8ie.htm>

Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 21:54:02 -0700
From: "James R. Duffey" <jamesd1@flash.net>
To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [91631] My turn as the FOX
Message-ID: <B6AF5D7A.696E%jamesd1@flash.net>
Mime-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

The band was in good shape tonight. I had a low, S1 to S2, noise level, so QRN was not a factor. I had wall to wall callers from beginning to end. The pileup was much harder to sort out than the first time I was the Fox. I did nto call CQ once. I worked all over the US except for the NE. My first total of the log shows 81 contacts.

The new antenna appears to work fine!

Some highlights were working Jay, W5JAY, mobile CW with a whopping good signal from Arkansas, trying to send Pete's call, NV4V, and trying to sort out AF4LQ, AF4PP, and AF4PS when I went QRZ ?F4?.

More to follow when I tabulate the log. Thanks for the fun. - Dr. Megacycle
KK6MC/5

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James R. Duffey KK6MC/5
30 Casa Loma Road
Cedar Crest, NM 87008

Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 19:22:47 -0600
From: Bill Stietenroth <k5zty@juno.com>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu, hqrp@stevens.com
Subject: [91632] Texas Bill H.B. 1148
Message-ID: <20010213.225833.-4056551.0.k5zty@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Looks like Jim Haynie got right on this one.

K5ZTY

ALERT - FROM jhaynie@arrl.org via arrl-mailer@jupiter.interbridge.net

TO: ALL TEXAS ARRL MEMBERS
FROM: JIM HAYNIE, W5JBP, PRESIDENT, ARRL

RE: TEXAS BILL H.B. 1148

There has been much concern recently about the potential impact of H.B. 1148, introduced in the Texas State Legislature by Representative Robert "Robbie" Cook (28th District). Hundreds of ARRL members have contacted me urging ARRL involvement in protecting the interests of Amateur Radio operators in the state.

Here's the issue: Many Amateur Radio operators fear that this bill, if enacted, could inadvertently impose some very difficult bureaucratic requirements on any attempt to erect even the smallest whip antenna.

I have spoken with Representative Cook's office and that was not his intention. The bill was supposed to deal only with commercial structures. When informed of the concerns of ham operators, Representative Cook's office invited an amendment to ensure that ham operators would not be affected.

I have sent the following amendment to Representative Cook's office and they are willing to put it into the bill:

Sec. 240.082.5 EXCLUSIONS: Nothing herein shall be construed to regulate, nor shall it regulate, antennas, antenna support structures, devices or facilities, installed, maintained and used exclusively for Amateur Radio communications by Amateur Radio operators licensed by the Federal Communications Commission.

Rather than continuing to alert me about this bill, Amateur Radio

operators

in Texas may wish to contact Representative Cook at the State Capitol to indicate their support of this amendment.

Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 21:05:31 -0800
From: "Glenn Maclean" <glennmaclean@ix.netcom.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Cc: "John Wagner" <john@neknetwork.com>
Subject: [91633] Feb 12 Final Cub Fox hunt Log
Message-ID: <002d01c09643\$c28a6980\$0a01c6c0@oemcomputer>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Ok here is my final log. Looks like 37 contacts and 21 states and 1 Canadian Province worked. The Pacific Northwest was well represented along with the Midwestern, southwestern, central, and southeastern states. This was my best effort this season. It made a great ending for me as a first time Cub Fox this

season. Thank you everyone for your patience with me. I learned a lot about weak signal HF work. I had fun and hope to do this again sometime.

Thanks again 73's
Glenn Maclean WA7SPY

	Time	Call	RST	State	Name	Power
1	02:00	K0EVZ	569	ND	DOC	3W
2	02:01	K7FD	599	OR	JOHN	5W
3	02:02	WK6I	599	CA	JEFF	5W
4	02:03	AC5JH	559	OK	TOM	5W
5	02:07	AA7XA	559	OR	FRANK	5W
6	02:11	VA6RF	589	AB	EARL	5W
7	02:13	NW7DX	569	WA	BEN	5W
8	02:16	K5OI	559	NM	TIM	5W
9	02:19	KG6CMS	599	CA	RON	70W
10	02:21	W6ABC	599	CA	JACK	500MW
11	02:23	WA7TQK	579	ID	BILL	5W
12	02:24	W0CH	559	MO	DAVE	5W
13	02:28	KG6ELY	589	CA	RON	5W
14	02:30	K5DI	599	NM	KARL	5W
15	02:35	K9IUA	559	ND	KEVIN	5W
16	0:236	WA9PWP	549	WI	PAUL	5W
17	02:41	KE6RS	599	CA	RON	5W

18	02:44	KB7WUK	559	OR	ART	5W
19	02:46	AA7EQ	559	AZ	BOB	5W
20	02:48	KK5LD	559	TX	DAN	5W
21	02:51	KI0II	579	CO	RON	5W
22	02:58	N0KLV	559	MN	KEVIN	5W
23	03:03	W9WIS	559	WI	MIKE	5W
24	03:07	W7ILW	559	AZ	HOWARD	3W
25	03:10	KK7OQ	579	OR	JIM	5W
26	03:15	KG0LD	559	NE	BILL	5W
27	03:19	WU9F	579	WI	TERRY	5W
28	03:23	AF4LQ	559	KY	MIKE	5W
29	03:24	KC0GXX	559	NE	TOM	3W
30	03:31	N4VM	559	TN	BRYN	5W
31	03:34	KJ0C	559	MO	JIM	5W
32	03:36	K7OZN	549	WA	BILL	4W
33	03:41	N4ROA	339	VA	DAN	5W
34	03:47	AF4PS	339	FL	MAC	4W
35	03:48	K5DW	339	TX	DON	5W
36	03:51	K4FB	449	FL	PAUL	
						5W
37	03:54	WB0QQT	339	NE	STEVE	5W
38	04:00	WA7SPY	CUB FOX	CA	GLENN	5W

Date: Tue, 13 Feb 2001 22:12:49 -0700
 From: "James R. Duffey" <jamesd1@flash.net>
 To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
 Subject: [91634] Re: FS: Sierra, IC-502A, OHR SCAF
 Message-ID: <B6AF61E1.6970%jamesd1@flash.net>
 Mime-version: 1.0
 Content-type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
 Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

Mark - Is the OHR SCAF filter still avaiialble? If so I would like to purchase it. I know it is late, but there is always a chance. - Duffey

--

James R. Duffey KK6MC/5
 30 Casa Loma Road
 Cedar Crest, NM 87008

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 02:12:17 -0500
From: Pete Burbank <plburbank@kih.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [91635] Fox- A confession to Father Megacycle
Message-ID: <5.0.2.1.0.20010214015249.00a660d0@KIH.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

I had to send this call on the code practice oscillator to myself about 50 times before I got it right...please forgive me. For others---just tough it out-----
I understand
73 to all
Pete NV4V :-)

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 02:21:50 EST
From: WB9MII@aol.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [91636] Thanks for the help
Message-ID: <c1.ba01487.27bb8c0e@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Howdy Friends,
about my query about a J38 tension spring...I got lots of responses and some new ideas. Once again QRP-L comes thru
Thanks
Greg WB9MII

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 06:16:38 -0500
From: ae5x@netscape.net (John Harper AE5X)
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [91637] Slide-on labels from your ink jet printer
Message-ID: <33ADF29D.058CC4C3.00003ABB@netscape.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="ISO-8859-1"

Check out this site from this months' QST:

<http://www.beldecal.com/inkjet.cfm>

It allows you to print out a label (ON, TUNE, etc), which you make in any graphics program, onto water-soluble paper to make a decal just like the ones that came with those plastic P-51 Mustangs you built as a kid.

Seems like a good way to add labels to a homebrew project.

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Outdoor QRP & Lowband DXing: <http://www.qsl.net/ae5x>

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Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 06:50:30 -0500
From: John R Kirby <n3aaz-qrp@juno.com>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [91638] SSB QRP
Message-ID: <20010214.065038.-99965.0.n3aaz-qrp@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

>How do you measure your power in SSB to know if you are QRP? That darn
>little needle won't stand still for me.

The . . . ' two/tone/IMD/tune/up/package '

included in all PSK-31 software
will give you a real good

' head/start/heads/up/hands/on/live/test/procedure '...

and it is free.

Point GOOGLE to >iz8bly< and take your pick. . .

TNX again Peter (G3PLX) and Nino (IZ8BLY).

John
N3AAZ
FM 19 xa

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<http://dl.www.juno.com/get/tagj>.

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 07:15:07 -0500 (EST)
From: Lazaro Munoz <laz@panix.com>
To: Bob Tellefsen <n6wg@earthlink.net>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91639] Re: Mobile Antenna for my Rubbermaid Van
Message-ID: <Pine.NEB.4.31.0102140714020.24653-100000@panix3.panix.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

I believe some (Lakeview?) came out with a monstrous 8 magnet mag mount, I believe I saw it mentioned in the HRO catalog.
-laz N2PUK

On Tue, 13 Feb 2001, Bob Tellefsen wrote:

> Brian
> How thick is the insulating coating on your van?
>
> Possibly one of the big multimagnet mounts might work for you. If the
> coating isn't too thick, the magnets will have a decent grip on the
> underlying steel. Also, the magmount couples capacitively to the van body,
> so the thickness of the insulation will affect the effective capacitive
> coupling. I would go with the four magnet mount, unless someone has a five
> magnet mount. You want maximum grip and maximum coupling capacity.
>
> Anyway, it's a no penalty approach.
>
> If you need better grounding, you could run wires from the magmount to
> ground lugs mounted in the door wells. This would give direct grounding
> without putting holes in the roof.
>
> Good luck and 73,
> Bob N6WG
>
>

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 07:30:42 -0500
From: Harris Keith E CONT CNIN <harris_k@crane.navy.mil>
To: "'qrp-l@lehigh.edu'" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>

Subject: [91640] Re: Mobile Antenna for my Rubbermaid Van
Message-ID:
<4F76B3D4A76AD111803B00A0C9893D9C06ED8D09@cninexchsrv05.crane.navy.mil>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain

You know, it's not humor to people you have to explain it to. <G> Also, if I'm not experiencing a "senior moment", I think that the Lumina van doesn't have plastic coated steel panels, it has plastic panels. It's not fiberglass, but the same process that GM used on the Fiero. They're molded plastic of some kind. According to GM it was the greatest thing since sliced bread when they came out with it. I think that GM also used this same material on their electric car a couple of years ago, it was the EM1 or something like that. There was an article in QST a couple or so years ago concerning the joys of antenna mounting on such a vehicle. Anyway, I don't think the biggest antenna magnet you can find is going to help much. Sounds like the trailer hitch idea (if you have a hitch) is pretty good. If you don't have a hitch the idea about welding a piece of steel to the frame sounds like it might work. At least that way you put it pretty much where you wanted. Maybe bring it out the left side rear and make it detachable somehow so that you didn't have an industrial strength curb feeler when you're not using the antenna. And next time, buy a car made out of steel and don't worry about all that salt they use on the roads around here.

73, oo de N9KH

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 07:37:34 -0500
From: Harris Keith E CONT CNIN <harris_k@crane.navy.mil>
To: "'qrp-1@lehigh.edu'" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [91641] Re: Antenna mounting on rubbermaid van
Message-ID:
<4F76B3D4A76AD111803B00A0C9893D9C06ED8D0A@cninexchsrv05.crane.navy.mil>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain

Brian,

You might try the June '97 issue of QST. I think that may be the issue with the article about operating mobile in an electric vehicle. I would include how he mounted an antenna on a plastic vehicle. Good luck.

73, oo de N9KH

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 07:47:33 -0500 (EST)
From: Lazaro Munoz <laz@panix.com>

To: Stuart Rohre <rohrer@arlut.utexas.edu>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91642] Re: Lightning payout
Message-ID: <Pine.NEB.4.31.0102140743530.24653-100000@panix3.panix.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

They cover the equipment but not the antennas, for most folks radios are more expensive, except for those folks with 100+ towers. Actually now that I am thinking of it do they cover towers or are they considered part of the antenna system (ie. lightning targets) and not covered?

-laz N2PUK

On Tue, 13 Feb 2001, Stuart Rohre wrote:

> Doug,
> The average claims agent for insurance is no more an expert on lightning and
> increase in risk than the paper boy.
> Something between the extremes would be the usual claims result. They will
> ask you to document the cost of the destroyed equipment, by bill of sale,
> etc. Keep all receipts!
>
> Also, the ham specific insurance policies may or may not cover antenna
> damage. I think ARRL sponsored policy recently changed to cover it.
> 72,
> Stuart k5KVH
>
>
>

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 07:49:52 -0500 (EST)
From: Lazaro Munoz <laz@panix.com>
To: Rod Cercone <n0rc@hotmail.com>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91643] Re: If could only have just one radio...
Message-ID: <Pine.NEB.4.31.0102140749020.24653-100000@panix3.panix.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

You mean no built-in TNC for DX-spotting?
-laz N2PUK

On Tue, 13 Feb 2001, Rod Cercone wrote:

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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: "Bob Duckworth" <wb4mnf@atl.org>
> To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
> Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2001 12:21 PM
> Subject: Re: If could only have just one radio...
>
>
> > No one builds it!
> >
> > Universal power supply built in. Use local AC mains anywhere in the
> world
> > or assorted battery voltages from 12 to 48. (Auto, plane, ship)
> ...
>
> Aw come on Bob, you left out the Coffee Pot! ;-)
>
> 73, Rod NØRC
> Ft Collins CO
>

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 08:00:53 -0500
From: "Brian" <bmurrey@amexol.net>
To: <harris_k@crane.navy.mil>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91644] Re: Mobile Antenna for my Rubbermaid Van
Message-ID: <002e01c09686\$2a297d00\$3d05080a@cincom.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Yup...they're ABS body panels. The thing about them is that this van is 7 years old, 160K miles and still LOOKS brand new. I have even enjoyed the airbags in this vehicle on one occasion.

I think the behind the license plate mount, or putting a hitch on, or welding a bar to the frame may be my only option.

I will continue exploring possibilities.

72

----- Original Message -----
From: "Harris Keith E CONT CNIN" <harris_k@crane.navy.mil>

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2001 7:30 AM
Subject: Re: Mobile Antenna for my Rubbermaid Van

> You know, it's not humor to people you have to explain it to. <G> Also,
if
> I'm not experiencing a "senior moment", I think that the Lumina van
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> have plastic coated steel panels, it has plastic panels. It's not
> fiberglass, but the same process that GM used on the Fiero. They're molded
> plastic of some kind. According to GM it was the greatest thing since
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> same material on their electric car a couple of years ago, it was the EM1
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> you wanted. Maybe bring it out the left side rear and make it detachable
> somehow so that you didn't have an industrial strength curb feeler when
> you're not using the antenna. And next time, buy a car made out of steel
> and don't worry about all that salt they use on the roads around here.
>
> 73, oo de N9KH
>

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 06:54:02 -0600
From: Richard Matthews <prm@hiwaay.net>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [91645] FS: K-2
Message-ID: <3.0.1.32.20010214065402.01729d30@hiwaay.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

I'm trying to help a fellow ham sell his K--2. Here is his information.

From: rstory@kc.rr.com
Date: Fri Feb 9, 2001 4:52am

Subject: Elekraft K2

For Sale: Elekraft K2 assembled and operational, works great. Comes w/tuner , SSB, w/noise blanker unassembled

Very good job of building

U ship for \$650.00.

reply email to ne0x@qsl.net

.....

Is his price about right?

Richard, WA4NWW

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 08:18:34 -0500
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
To: <dandooley@pipeline.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91646] Re: Tips on Operating Mobile CW
Message-ID: <001e01c09688\$a56ee200\$6201a8c0@INSYDENT>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

And he responds by flashing his lights....

I've told this before, but...

I was on the Mass Turnpike one day. Doing, well, let's just say not prudent.

Suddenly I noticed a cruiser tucked in tight behind be.

Oh NO!

Headlights flashing.

Even MORE 'Oh No!'

Only they weren't the alternate flash. They were flashing CW...

The digits "5" and "2".

So I tuned to 146.52 and gave my call.

Another call came back, with the admonishment "Back it down!"

It was a guy I knew. From 'radio' but not personally. I had talked to him a lot on one repeater. I knew he worked for the state, but not the State Police....

Mike

> Can you imagine driving down the road, saying out loud, something like, "Dah
> di dah di Dah dah di dah" and the driver of a passing car can read lips.

>

> Dan W. Dooley WB5TKA Bedford, Texas EM12ku

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 08:22:52 -0500

From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>

To: <ae5x@netscape.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [91647] Re: Slide-on labels from your ink jet printer

Message-ID: <007f01c09689\$3e6b9de0\$6201a8c0@INSYDENT>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain;

charset="iso-8859-1"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Where do you find non-water soluble color ink?

I've gotten waterproof black, but have never seen color.

Mike

> Check out this site from this months' QST:

> <http://www.beldecal.com/inkjet.cfm>
>
> It allows you to print out a label (ON, TUNE, etc), which you make in
any
> graphics program, onto water-soluble paper to make a decal just like
the ones that came with those plastic P-51 Mustangs you built as a kid.
>
> Seems like a good way to add labels to a homebrew project.
>
>
> --
> Outdoor QRP & Lowband DXing: <http://www.qsl.net/ae5x>
> -----
> Get your own FREE, personal Netscape Webmail account today at
<http://webmail.netscape.com/>
>

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 08:26:23 EST
From: Shephed@aol.com
To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [91648] Re: Mobile Antenna for my Rubbermaid Van
Message-ID: <52.73a0798.27bbe180@aol.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

In a message dated Wed, 14 Feb 2001 7:31:52 AM Eastern Standard Time, Harris
Keith E CONT CNIN <harris_k@crane.navy.mil> writes:

<< You know, it's not humor to people you have to explain it to. <G>>>

True, true. :-)

I would get a Reese hitch (the one with a square receiver) and make a mount there.
Easy to remove, and you can tow something with it.

I used this setup on an old Chevy Van (that was very much made of steele) for a
long time.

72, oo
Dan, N8IE

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 08:59:07 EST
From: W8IRQ@aol.com
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [91649] QRP+ Companion Tuner
Message-ID: <a5.11913481.27bbe92b@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi: I would like to sell my QRP+ Companion Tuner. I think that there were only about 200 of these built, so they're pretty rare. I would like \$175.00 or best offer. It really makes a nice setup with the QRP+. Nick, w8irq@aol.com, 330-225-7499

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 09:00:51 -0500
From: Thomas Jennings <jennings@eng14.rochny.uspra.abb.com>
To: jamesd1@flash.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91650] Re: My turn as the FOX
Message-ID: <3A8A8F93.C444F158@eng14.rochny.uspra.abb.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

"James R. Duffey" wrote:
> snip...
I worked all over the US except for the NE.

Jim,
I called and called and called from Fairport, NY but
no luck.
Good job handling the pack.

73,
Tom kv2x

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 09:09:44 -0500
From: ed.kwik@delphiauto.com
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [91651] MI QRP net and more
Message-ID: <052569F3.004E0BDE.00@usabhm99.mail.delphiauto.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Disposition: inline

The conditions on 80 meters were good last night. We had five check ins last night.

WB8ICN 599 JACKSON, MI MIKE
WA9PWP 559 589 STOUGHTON, WI PAUL
N8UN 559 389 EAST JORDAN, MI ED
WB8UUJ 239 579 FLUSHING, MI TOM
WJ4P 559 559 CHARLESTON, SC RANDY

Thanks for all of the check ins. Before the net I worked the FP Truffle and after the net I got the FOX. So a good night for QRP. The Michigan QRP net meets each Tuesday night at 9:00 PM Eastern time on 3.535 MHz.

TMPS: States: NC NY TN MD VT MA NH IL SC MI NJ PA WI MO FL WA MN IN VA
DXCC: LZ FG V3 PT YO

Ed AB8DF

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 09:13:55 -0500
From: "Lau, Zack, W1VT" <zlau@arrl.org>
To: "'qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU'" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91652] Re: bending aluminum
Message-ID: <125490A005E3D3118C9C00805FC743CC016B9CE4@KAHLESS>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"

The alloy I mentioned Enco selling is a good choice.--Zack W1VT

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 08:27:01 -0600
From: Bcieslak@ra.rockwell.com
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [91653] Qrp Cheesehead Coming to HI
Message-ID: <0FE1C7025A.ADA2EA16-ON862569F3.004EF023@ra.rockwell.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Yep, Just finished training the family on how to use the snowblower so they can keep the driveway clear till get back .
That should keep'em out of trouble while I'm Gone.

Brian

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 07:25:05 -0700
From: Brian Kassel <bkassel@dancris.com>
To: QRP-L <QRP-L@lehigh.edu>, Bob Patten <n4bp@bc.seflin.org>
Subject: [91654] Contest: C6A (Bahamas) Operation K7RE & N4BP
Message-ID: <3A8A9541.41E489B2@dancris.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Gangue:

Just to let everyone know, I'll be in C6A (Freeport, Bahamas) from Friday 2-16 until Wednesday evening 2-22. I will be C6A/K7RE during the ARRL International Contest. Bob will be C6AKQ. I will be running about 100 watts on 80M during the test, hoping to clinch a high score on that band for the DX side of the contest. I'll be with Bob Patten, N4BP who will be running 40M at 250 watts. For scoring and entry class reasons, we will not be QRP for this event. We will mostly be on during the night time hours during the contest. I will be QRP though on the highest WARC band that is open during the time that I am not in the contest. Bob will be on Friday prior to the contest, and will leave Monday morning. Operation will be all CW during, and probably mostly before and after the contest. I QSL 100% for all received directly with SASE, or to the ARRL QSL Bureau.

Brian K7RE

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 06:34:04 -0800 (PST)
From: wa4dou@excite.com
To: rohre@arlut.utexas.edu, Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91655] Re: Lightning payout
Message-ID: <33177861.982161247342.JavaMail.imal@seamore.excite.com>

Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Stuart,

I believe the day is not long off, when hams with towers are going to be adjudged as "contributorily negligent" unless they've built ground systems under them that can "pass muster" with the NEC (National Electrical Code) and County/City Inspections Depts. Eventually the insurance industry will begin to balk at claims from hams whose installations don't "make the grade." Personally i see no reason to place myself or my family in a situation where our lives are affected adversely by lightning, even if insurance would ultimately pay some or all of a claim. Thats why i built an extensive ground system under my tower and throughout the backyard and had the electric utility to install whole house transient protection under the meter and i use transient protectors at each outlet throughout the house. And i still advocate and follow a regimen of unplugging and disconnecting my ham station from the antennas and a.c. mains.

I would strongly encourage all hams to learn all you can from Polyphaser and the NEC and any other sources about lightning and intelligently plan your stations from that perspective. Contrary to the stated opinions of a few, lightning can be intelligently dealt with.

I work for an employer who has a 500 ft. radio tower with an 800 mhz. trunked radio system inside the building at the base of the tower, running continuously, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. In the past 9 years we've had one antenna damaged, the transmit antenna on top of the tower was partially vaporized. Yet, despite numerous lightning hits, we've had no damage to our radio system at all. This is not blind luck. The quality of the ground system makes all the difference.

In instances where extensive ground systems might not seem appropriate, such as with wire antennas, i'd find some means of keeping feedlines away from the house when not in use, or at least of removing a section of feedline, while maintaining watertight integrity.

73 Roy WA4DOU

On Tue, 13 Feb 2001 13:23:02 -0600, rohre@arlut.utexas.edu wrote:

> Doug,
> The average claims agent for insurance is no more an expert on lightning and
> increase in risk than the paper boy.
> Something between the extremes would be the usual claims result. They will
> ask you to document the cost of the destroyed equipment, by bill of sale,
> etc. Keep all receipts!
>
> Also, the ham specific insurance policies may or may not cover antenna
> damage. I think ARRL sponsored policy recently changed to cover it.

> 72,
> Stuart k5KVH
>
>

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Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 09:36:25 -0500 (EST)
From: Dan Halbert <halbert@bbn.com>
To: flyable@starpower.net
Cc: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [91656] Re: [91547] PSK-31 software for 486/80 computer
Message-ID: <200102141436.JAA23727@siu>

> Is anyone on the list currently using or have used successfully a 486
>vintage computer for psk-31, rtty and other soundcard programs? If so would
>you mind passing on the software package you used and where it can be found?
>I am interested in hearing any personal experiences using the older
>computers.

I have successfully copied signals with WinPSK and PSK32SBW (G3PLX's software, latest version p31sbw108.zip) on a 486/66 with 32MB (now retired) and a genuine SB16. The software page at <http://aintel.bi.ehu.es/psk31.html> says that a 486/33 should be sufficient for PSK32SBW.

I have even successfully made QSO's with older versions of Digipan on that machine. Don't try to use any of the logging buttons, etc. It runs flat out doing the decoding, but it does seem to work.

Regards,
Dan, KB1RT

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 09:39:21 EST
From: W8IRQ@aol.com
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu

Subject: [91657] Re: QRP+ Companion
Message-ID: <7a.10806ed8.27bbf299@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

It has been sold. Tnx ,Nick, W8IRQ

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 09:44:39 -0500
From: "Juan Ferrari" <puntrad@usa.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91658] Joy
Message-ID: <017d01c09694\$a9129f30\$5e35f2d8@juan>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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Tnx Steve for such a nice little rig.

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Juan - KG4FSN

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 09:57:13 -0500
From: "AI2Q Alex" <ai2q@adelphia.net>
To: <weber@accenttech.com>, "'Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion'" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91659] RE: Junkyard Wars QRP Transmitter
Message-ID: <000201c09696\$6aada6c0\$050af618@knbunk.adelphia.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Rick OB:

This proves that homebrewing--in the traditonal way--isn't dead!

Congratulations. Please send a copy of your work to the Antique Wireless Association folks. I'm sure they'd be happy to run your story and pix in the "Old Timer's Journal."

Vy 73, AI2Q, Alex in Kennebunk, Maine QRP-L 687 .-.-.

-----Original Message-----

From: owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU [mailto:owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU] On Behalf Of Rick Weber

Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2001 3:26 PM

To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion

Subject: Junkyard Wars QRP Transmitter

"New, improved" version 2 of my Junkyard Wars xmtr was just completed and put on the air last night. Works nicely (for a Hartley).

It's QRP, of course, at one Watt. As with version 1, the only commercial electronic component is a 1928 triode vacuum tube. Rest of parts are made from ordinary household junk.

Here's a picture.

<http://www.vintagehamradio.com/junkbox-xmtr2>

Great fun and a real challenge. I'd like to see other QRPers try something like this. Any takers? Come on, Nils, this kind of thing is made for you!

How about a solid state transmitter made with a single FET and all the other components made of "stuff" other than commercial electronic parts? Is that possible?

Rick W9QZ/QRP

PS - Yes, the standoffs are two mini gin bottles!

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 08:56:24 -0600

From: "James Parsons" <res075cz@gte.net>

To: <puntrad@usa.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [91660] Re: Joy

Message-ID: <005901c09696\$4d3120e0\$7c640304@vz.dsl.genuity.net>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain;

charset="iso-8859-1"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Great, Juan! And the fun is just beginning. Isn't this a GREAT and exciting hobby?

73 de Jim, K5ROV...

James (Jim) Parsons, K5ROV, CMSgt, USAF, Ret., Ham for 60 yrs.
k5rov@arrl.net, QCWA, ARCI, Fists, ARRL, ARMS.
EX: W1RLA, K5FBB, K4FEO, SVOWN (CRETE), SVOWN (RHODES),
DL4NC, DL4JP, KA2FC (JAPAN), KA2JP (JAPAN).
JOHN 3:16

----- Original Message -----

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> 73
> Juan - KG4FSN
>
>

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 09:07:27 -0600
From: "Chuck Carpenter" <w5usj@globeco.net>
To: puntrad@usa.net, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91661] Re: Joy
Message-ID: <3.0.2.32.20010214090727.007f96a0@mail.globeco.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

Juan,

Congrats on the first one. I'll be looking for you on the bands one of these days.

Chuck Carpenter, W5USJ, Point, Rains Co., TX - EM22cv, NETXQRP #1
ARCI #5422, QRP-L #1306, SOC #57, Six Club #201, SMIRK #6275
RARA #3, NETXQRP =96 <http://www.angelfire.com/tx4/netxqrpclub/>
[TMPS] Qs - 40 States - 19 DX - 8 3W to HF9V or W9INN Inv V

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 10:08:36 EST
From: Shepherd@aol.com
To: <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [91662] Re: Joy
Message-ID: <8b.2609127.27bbf975@aol.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

AWSOME JUAN!
Hope you ahve many more, and loads of fun!

72, oo
Dan, N8IE

In a message dated Wed, 14 Feb 2001 9:45:17 AM Eastern Standard Time, "Juan Ferrari" <puntrad@usa.net> writes:

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Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 09:11:05 -0600
From: Bcieslak@ra.rockwell.com

To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [91663] OT: QST kit article
Message-ID: <0F3E2A59C5.C358B750-0N862569F3.0052EAF7@ra.rockwell.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

An interesting article appears in the March QST about dissassembling old kits, cleaning them up and putting them back together. Something I used to do in my younger days just to get old swapfest 'deals' to work. But based on some of the bids for unbuilt kits I am seeing on ebay, perhaps I should just bag up the parts after I take the radio apart and sell for 5 times the built value. I've seen an unbuilt HW-8 go for over \$500 and an unbuilt HW-101 go for over \$1200.

Anybody got any broken old 38 specials I can take apart. ;-)

Brian AE9K

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 08:18:19 -0700
From: "Francis Callahan" <colcal@srv.net>
To: <Shephed@aol.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91664] Re: Mobile Antenna for my Rubbermaid Van
Message-ID: <000d01c09699\$5dcdb960\$73de070c@callahan>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

If you have a ladder on the back of the van pudt your antenna on there and ground the ladder to the frame I have done this on several RV'S and it works really good 72 Cal KF7ET misplaced Vermonter in Idaho

----- Original Message -----

From: <Shephed@aol.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2001 6:26 AM
Subject: Re: Mobile Antenna for my Rubbermaid Van

> In a message dated Wed, 14 Feb 2001 7:31:52 AM Eastern Standard Time,
Harris Keith E CONT CNIN <harris_k@crane.navy.mil> writes:

>
> << You know, it's not humor to people you have to explain it to. <G>>>
>
> True, true. :-)

>
> I would get a Reese hitch (the one with a square receiver) and make a mount
there. Easy to remove, and you can tow something with it.
>
> I used this setup on an old Chevy Van (that was very much made of steele)
for a long time.
>
> 72, oo
> Dan, N8IE
>
>

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 10:14:51 -0500
From: Bill Coleman <aa4lr@arrl.net>
To: <k5xu@concentric.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91665] Re: What Kind of Antenna?
Message-ID: <1010114101451.KAA02463@gate.iterated.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"

On 2/11/01 23:46, Mike Duke at k5xu@concentric.net wrote:

>I think it was called the Double Bazooka. it was supposed to be really
>broad banded.

The double bazooka is slightly more broadbanded than a dipole made solely
out of wire, by virtue of the larger diameter of the coax.

I built one for 40m years ago. It didn't work any better than an ordinary
dipole.

If you want a broadbanded antenna for 80/75, I'd suggest an OWA cell.
Basically, it's a dipole with a close-coupled second element. The second
element is slightly shorter (or longer) than the dipole.

Bill Coleman, AA4LR, PP-ASEL Mail: aa4lr@arrl.net
Quote: "Not within a thousand years will man ever fly!"
 -- Wilbur Wright, 1901

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 10:23:28 -0500

From: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
To: harris_k@crane.navy.mil
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [91666] Re: Mobile Antenna for my Rubbermaid Van
Message-ID: <3A8AA2F0.D8CC557D@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Well, the Fiero did have a plastic body overlaying a steel subframe.
But it also had a steel grille just behind the rear window that was
useable for VHF and UHF whips!

73

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 10:30:15 -0500
From: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
To: Bcieslak@ra.rockwell.com, qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [91667] Re: OT: QST kit article
Message-ID: <3A8AA487.385E5EFC@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

No, but I have one mint in the bag! It's not for sale yet, anyway!

73

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 10:36:14 -0500
From: "Ed Tanton" <n4xy@att.net>
To: "CW Reflector" <cw@qth.net>
Cc: "QRP-L Reflector" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>, "Drakelist Reflector"
<drakelist@baltimoremd.com>, "Boatanchors-Tempe" <BOATANCHORS@LISTSERV.TEMPE.GOV>,
"Boatanchors Reflector-Jack" <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: [91668] Website update...
Message-ID: <CKEGICNFDIMCEKEDCEHFMEMOGAAA.n4xy@att.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I said I would let folks know when I (finally) got the website revised with
some of the new-but-old, film, 2700dpi x 2700 dpi (original scan) photos. I
completely revised the Photo Gallery page

http://www.qsl.net/n4xy/photo_gallery1.html , and added what I'd call the 1st round of organized photos. This relates to radio in that the NEXT round will be all radio photos. It sure LOOKS to me like I can get ** MUCH ** better scanned in images (from 35mm negatives) than the 1.3 million pixels of the digital camera.

Everywhere possible, I have tried to make the photos load as fast as possible. Is there any interest in an article on how you do that, along with how to organize the images?

My next adventure along these lines will be a round of photos of radios, with some closeups. Especially a nearly identical "Current Rig" photo for comparison between digital & film. I hope you'll forgive the obliquely-OT email, and that you do enjoy the photos.

73 Ed Tanton N4XY <n4xy@arrl.net>

website: <http://www.n4xy.com>

LM: ARRL QCWA AMSAT & INDEXA;
SEDXC NCDXA GACW QRP-ARCI
OK-QRP QRP-L #758 K2 (FT) #00057

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 10:52:02 -0500
From: "Brian" <bmurrey@amexol.net>
To: <puntrad@usa.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91669] Re: Joy
Message-ID: <001d01c0969e\$12a36070\$3d05080a@cincom.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Juan! WELCOME TO THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF QRP CW!!

You'll be crankin out the QSO's in no time.

----- Original Message -----

From: "Juan Ferrari" <puntrad@usa.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2001 9:44 AM
Subject: Joy

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Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 09:03:13 -0700
From: "Mugleston, Brad" <brad.mugleston@gwl.com>
To: qrp-l <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>, CQC <cqc@egroups.com>
Subject: [91670] Annual Banquet
Message-ID: <F9645092A142D3118CBD00805F15292E1154D303@eb-mail1.gwl.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain

This is the last call for the 7th annual Colorado QRP Club Banquet. It is going to be held this Saturday, February 17th starting at 6 p.m. If you would like to attend please let me know ASAP so I can make sure we have space for you. We should have plenty of FOOD. The cost is \$15/adult (I'm going by age not maturity) and \$10/kids.

If your going to be in the Denver area this weekend let me know - you DO NOT have to be a member to attend and the presentation should be interesting to HAMS and NON HAMS alike.

72's

de KI00T, Brad

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 10:11:19 -0600 (CST)
From: Bruce Rattray <rattray@gpfn.sk.ca>
To: "James R. Duffey" <jamesd1@flash.net>
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91671] Re: My turn as the FOX
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.3.95.1010214100839.9610B-1000000@neale.gpfn.sk.ca>
MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Hi Dr. Meg.....well the band may have been in good shape at your qth but there was pretty much an rf shield up in this neck of the woods....I called a few times but at best your signal was at ESP levels...I'm wondering how your new antenna was oriented please?.....maybe the end of it was pointed this way?....thanks Doc!

..72/73 - Bruce (VE5RC+VE5QRP) QRP-C#1 QRP-L#886 ARCI#9683 Zombie#272
A-1 Operator Club - 10/10# 944 - SOC #11 & #12 - Whiner#10 -
"QRP! How sweet it is!" oo#148 "I am da man wit "DAH" paddle!"

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 16:12:21 -0000
From: Mike Bray <mikebray@uplogon.com>
To: "'qrp-l@lehigh.edu'" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [91672] re: hb - blt's and wooden radios
Message-ID: <01C096A0.F76CA480.mikebray@uplogon.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Jim -

It's a work of art - great job!!

72,
Mike, KA1DDB/qrp
QRPing in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan

Date: 14 Feb 2001 11:22:32 EST
From: Michael Goins <mgoins@usa.net>
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [91673] who had the jackson harbor keyer fs?
Message-ID: <20010214162232.21926.qmail@aw161.netaddress.usa.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

I just had a computer crash and lost the email from whoever had the jacks=
on
harbor keyer for sale. Can someone please forward me a copy or the seller=

email me? I have a friend here who is interested.
Thanks. =

mike

Get free email and a permanent address at <http://www.amexmail.com/?A=3D1>

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 08:36:57 -0800 (PST)
From: agtaylor@llnl.gov
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [91674] FS: IC706/II
Message-ID: <200102141637.IAA01232@poptop.llnl.gov>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/plain; CHARSET=US-ASCII

I have too many rigs! So, have for sale the following QRP-capable rig:

IC706/II with 350Hz cw filter, DSP, high-stability ref. osc option,
and mobile mount/separation kit. With the options in this radio, I need
to ask \$850 for it. It is amazingly stable for a small radio.
I was going to use it for PSK31. Electrical 10, mechanical 9.7/10 (case
scratches near mounting screw holes). Shipping additional, of course.
USA sale only.

I would be interested in a K1 in partial trade. (not holding my breath
though...)

73 Allan K7GT / AE6TT

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Allan G Taylor

agtaylor@llnl.gov

Date: 14 Feb 2001 11:42:40 EST
From: Michael Goins <mgoins@usa.net>
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu
Subject: [91675] thanks for jackson ahrbor keyer fs info
Message-ID: <20010214164240.28220.qmail@aw162.netaddress.usa.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

Juan emailed the info to me. Thanks for the bandwidth.

mike
wb5yjx

Get free email and a permanent address at <http://www.amexmail.com/?A=3D1>

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 10:47:50 -0600
From: Bcieslak@ra.rockwell.com
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [91676] Joy
Message-ID: <0F3CB7E8D6.BC74FEA6-0N862569F3.005C0FDC@ra.rockwell.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Doesn't the ARRL offer a first Contact certificate....I think Juan is deserving...

Brian AE9K

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Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 08:55:47 -0800
From: "Doug Hendricks" <ki6ds@dph.dpol.net>
To: <k5di@arrl.net>
Cc: <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [91677] Missing parts!!
Message-ID: <01c096a6\$fb157980\$330b0d0a@dhendricks>
MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Karl, I am red faced and embarrassed. I completely forgot to send you those parts. They are in the envelope now, and I will take them to the post office this morning on my prep period and send them to you via priority mail. I looked up your call in qrz and have the following address:

KARL F. LARSEN
PO BOX 74
MESILLA PARK NM 88047
USA

I apologize for my screwup. I enjoyed reading about your building and having a qso. Guys, Karl is retired, and a big guy. He has huge hands, yet he was able to build using surface mount components and not have a problem doing so, other than getting me to send him the parts that he was missing from his kit. The SMK-1 was designed to be a learning experience, and while we hoped that everyone would have a positive experience and learn that they could build with SM components, there were others like Tim who learned something else, that they did not want to build with SM components. Both of them had a valuable experience.

By the way, there are only about 40 of the SMK-1 kits left. We will not do another run. If you want one of the last 40, send an email to Jim Cates at wa6ger@aol.com and ask him to hold one for you. Then send a check or money order made out to Jim Cates for \$34 and a self addressed shipping label to:

Jim Cates
3241 Eastwood Rd.
Sacramento, CA 95821

72, Doug

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 11:06:38 -0600
From: "Chuck Carpenter" <w5usj@globeco.net>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [91678] [TMPs] FR5FD QSL Rcvd -- Wow!
Message-ID: <3.0.2.32.20010214110638.007eb210@mail.globeco.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

My first ever 30 mtr DX QSL from my first 2001 30 mtr contact was received today from Reunion Island.

Contact was made with 3 W to a Butternut HF9V. The distance from my Lat/Long to Pat's Lat/Long figured out to about 3600 M/W. Pat was using an R7 vertical.

For the 2 IRCs I sent, Pat returned a standard IOTA QSL with lots of info along with a nice certificate detailing the QSO. The certificate and the envelope have a picture of an active volcano. Very nice.

Now I can get that 1000 M/W certificate... 8^)...

Just a bit of a happy dance from this QTH. Even though I have bunches of DX QSLs, this one seemed a little special.

Chuck Carpenter, W5USJ, Point, Rains Co., TX - EM22cv, NETXQRP #1
ARCI #5422, QRP-L #1306, SOC #57, Six Club #201, SMIRK #6275
RARA #3, NETXQRP =96 <http://www.angelfire.com/tx4/netxqrpclub/>
[TMPS] Qs - 40 States - 19 DX - 8 3W to HF9V or W9INN Inv V

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 12:23:16 -0500
From: Tom Isgro <k8cz@concentric.net>
To: puntrad@usa.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91679] Re: Joy
Message-ID: <3A8ABF04.5695826C@concentric.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Way to go Juan, and keep up the good work. Hope to work you very soon.

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"No matter where you go, there you are"

72, 73 oo's
Tom K8CZ Hamilton, OH
FPqrp #--41, QRP-l 945, FISTS 2360, NORCAL 2113, ARCI 9606,
10-10 68364, SCI 1479, ARS 203, SOC 336, ARRL

<http://www.geocities.com/k8cz/qrp.html>

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 12:23:41 EST
From: JFStrain@aol.com
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu
Subject: [91680] OT: QST/Hallicrafters article
Message-ID: <33.10afad15.27bc191d@aol.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
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Just got the March issue of QST and saw the article on the history of Hallicrafters, only to be shocked at seeing my uncle's picture. Bob Samuelson died last week, and his funeral was on Monday. The article seemed a fitting epitaph for someone who played a significant role in the development of commercial amateur radio equipment. He lived in Arizona and I am in Indiana, which provided me an excuse not to have much contact over the last 30 years... a real mistake, it now seems to me. He was a true prince of a fellow, always had a smile and a ready laugh. His family was always his first priority. I will miss him in many ways.

73/72,
John W9MIU
QRP-L 1088 QRP-ARCI 8173
ARS 571 Zombie 235
10-10 71063 Six Club 707

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 12:25:17 -0500
From: Tom Isgro <k8cz@concentric.net>
To: Bcieslak@ra.rockwell.com
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91681] Re: Joy
Message-ID: <3A8ABF7D.1F00A8C3@concentric.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Yes they do. WB2SXY should nominate him for the certificate.
--

"No matter where you go, there you are"

72, 73 oo's
Tom K8CZ Hamilton, OH

FPqrp #-41, QRP-1 945, FISTS 2360, NORCAL 2113, ARCI 9606,
10-10 68364, SCI 1479, ARS 203, SOC 336, ARRL

<http://www.geocities.com/k8cz/qrp.html>

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 10:00:33 -0800 (PST)
From: Curt Milton <wb8yyy@yahoo.com>
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91682] Re: Contest QSLs
Message-ID: <20010214180033.40819.qmail@web9606.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

I am always surprised what I get from the buro - so given how hard it is to get some folk to QSL - enjoy and QSL in kind. Some folk celebrate their special operations by QSL'ing everything. While some of these DX folk refuse to use the buro - some others have gone against the trend by inviting QSL's via buro, some even saying don't QSL me but e-mail me & they will QSL. A well known op went to Pitcairn Is, even taking his own fuel to run the generator - and he is QSL'ing everyone via the buro.

It is good to see folk using the buro - it used to be hard to get any QSLs from Russia but I got several in the last batch, none of which I had QSL'ed first.

Enthusiasm for ham radio, and affordable QSL means should be encouraged. Thanks to the folk who keep the buro working and use it.

curt wb8yyy

--- "John J. McDonough" <wb8rcr@arrl.net> wrote:
> Today when I got home, the mailman had left me an
> envelope from the bureau.
> I was a little surprised at the large number of
> cards, considering I did
> very little QSLing in the past while.
>
> OK, there were a number of laggards from the 1999
> (!) Int'l DX competition,
> which I QSL'd 100%, but made it a point to leave the
> PSE QSL off the card.

> I felt like maybe I would get a few back, but it was
> a contest, after all,
> and I didn't want folks to feel obligated to reply.
> I haven't gone and
> counted but I think I got like a 25% return on those
> cards, not bad at all.
> Maybe because I made up a special card for the
> contest.
>
> But there were quite a number of cards from the 2000
> contest, which I didn't
> QSL at all. Most had computer labels pasted to the
> card, a few of which had
> PSE QSL printed on the label. One had QSL via
> bureau printed on the card,
> with PSE hand lettered above it. Another said PSE
> QSL for awards. Has it
> suddenly become the custom to QSL contests? Who on
> earth needs a W card,
> especially W8?
>
> Now I really do enjoy getting these cards,
> especially cards from pleasant
> QSOs, but I'm really not in card collecting mode,
> and I've been QSLing
> relatively little lately partly because of time, and
> partly because I don't
> want to make folks feel obligated to reply.
>
> But now I'm wondering. Should I QSL DX 100%? I
> don't mind, it's not so
> tough to send a package to the bureau every so
> often. But I sort of assumed
> that the DX stations would find W cards just so much
> junk mail. What is
> happening here?
>
> 72/73 de WB8RCR
> <http://members.home.com/wb8rcr/index.htm>
> didileydadidah QRP-L #1446 Code Warriors #35
>
>

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Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 09:59:10 -0700
From: "Ron, KU7Y" <ku7y@qsl.net>
To: QRP-L <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Cc: w1hue@arrl.net
Subject: [91683] TR Log
Message-ID: <000601c096ae\$78f0d960\$6fc6a9d8@com>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

Hi All,

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I have been using this program for all my contesting and Fox runs for several years. I LOVE not only the program but the support it gets from Tree.

It's not very cheap, about \$70 now, and it runs in DOS. On most computers you can use it in a DOS window without any trouble but most of the users just boot to DOS.

It will handle two radios and prevent a signal from ever being sent on both radios at the same time. Depending on your radio, it will do everything that you need to do (control that is) that your radio will allow.....those things that are needed for contesting only.

It is a GREAT contesting program. All the logs are saved in pure ASCII files! It has a learning curve like any powerful program does but it's well worth learning. Or you can have it step you through the set up for each contest and just use it that way. Bring on more features as you need/want them.

I used it on an OLD 386 laptop from Area 51 a few years ago and had it keying my NC40a.

But it is NOT a general logging program. If that's what you want, get something else! I'd suggest DX4Win. I could also suggest one other but I can't remember the name of it! It is a DOS program and works just fine. In fact it's the one I did the QSL labels for about 12,000 contacts from CY9AAA to help those guys get that chore done!

I have never used CT, NA or any of the free logging programs out there but I have heard from those who have. It's a little like the old Ford/Chevy

thing!

I sure think it's well worth the money but your mileage may vary!

73,

cul, Ron KU7Y

Full time RVing somewhere in the West!

(Currently near Quartzsite, AZ)

A Proud AZScQRPion

If guns cause crime then pencils cause misspelled words.

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 09:37:05 -0700
From: "Ron, KU7Y" <ku7y@qsl.net>
To: QRP-L <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91684] Re: Tips on Operating Mobile CW
Message-ID: <000201c096ae\$74078660\$6fc6a9d8@com>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

Hi All,

Ahhhh, a subject near and dear to my heart!

Here are a few things I have come to believe after driving well over 1 million miles in trucks (accident free) and quite a few in 4 wheelers.....

One is that not all people are the same. Just as some are great CW operators and others will never be, so it is with drivers. Some can listen to the radio, dictate into a recorder, eat a snack, change gears and a hand full of other things all while driving in traffic WITHOUT putting people at risk. Then there are those who can not do the simple act of driving in traffic without putting everyone else at risk!

Another is that at least half of the drivers on the road don't have a clue as to what it takes to stay out of trouble. Just look at the issue of tailgating. I'll bet a nice steak dinner that most of you do NOT keep enough room between you and the cars in front of you!

This could go on and on but.... let me say that maybe, and that's a big maybe, I didn't get to see the good drivers. And that's possible.....after all, I have only driven in about 44 or 45 of the lower 48 and maybe you were all in one of those two or three states I missed..... :-)

I also put some time in as a fireman and was the ambulance coordinator. I've been to my share of grinders. (FWIW, every single dead body I have cut out of a car has had their seat belt ON.) While driving code 3 I have had to operate the lights, siren and one or two radios. There isn't always someone else in there with you!

When it comes to operating CW it's a very simple call. If you can operate your AM/FM radio while driving and you can really do it without putting others at risk, then you can also operate CW. CW takes no more attention than talking to someone in the car with you or shifting gears.

As to logging..... I don't. I just have nice QSOs. There is no log required by law. If I thought I needed to keep a log, I'd use a recorder.

Paddles??? I have used many. I just set them in the seat beside me. One I had to hold with my ring finger (pushing it against my leg) while sending with my thumb and forefinger. I once mounted a keyer/paddle so that the paddle was sticking up and was right there for my fingers when I had my arm on the arm rest.

A few things are a MUST in my opinion. One is that you must be able to use CW just like it was just some other language. If you have to concentrate on what is being sent, you are not ready to hit the road! Practice, practice and then practice some more. Stop using a writing stick and just "talk" to people with your fingers. Soon you will be ready for the road!

You must have the paddles or key where they are "handy". Your sending hand must be available to use on the wheel in a flash if needed.

Do NOT put anything on the steering wheel! In most states this is illegal and at best it's just something to cause you to mishandle the wheel in an emergency. Anyone remember the old "broody" (sp?) knobs?? Many a wreck was caused when someone got their shirt caught in one of them!

The thing that is the most dangerous here should be obvious but I've not seen anyone mention it.....

There are times that you will want to LOOK at your rig. To me the very best place for it would be right on the dash where you do not have to loose sight of the road while looking at the display. Someday someone will come up with a heads up display for things like our rigs. Several things can be done to help. You can get your extra class license and just tune until you hear someone calling CQ and answer them. No need to look at the frequency! Get your antenna tuned before you start out. If you want to operate multi band, think about using something like the Hustlers that will gang together and handle 3 or even 4 bands. You tune them and then forget them!

Trying to say that mobile CW is safe or unsafe for everyone is just plain

silly! There are far too many fear mongers in this world.

When someone said something about the NASCAR drivers only driving and talking now and then to the pits they overlooked many other classes of racing. The little go fast Indy cars have several adjustments that the driver makes during the course of the race. So do several other classes. :-)

When someone is reading a map or book, putting a email message in a cell phone and other sight intensive tasks, those are not the same thing as operating CW. It's apples and oranges.

One of the things that used to happen in the trucking industry many years ago was for a driver that fell asleep and ran off the road to say that he had dropped the CB mic and was trying to pick it up! This worked for a little while but soon the people grew up and saw it for what it was!

How to solve the cell phone problem??? That's easy and it's not with more stinking laws. Just do it with the insurance companies. If someone has an accident, check to see if they have a cell phone. If they do, check to see if they were using it at the time. This is all a mater of record and things could be set up to make these searches happen. Then let the insurance company adjust their amount of coverage depending on use or non use of a cell phone.

But that idea will never get off the ground because the name of that game isn't to fix responsibility but rather to exercise control over the masses. :-)

OK, you get the picture..... if you are one of those people who can't drive and do anything else, then done. Check your speed some day.....watch to see how much it varies up and down. If you can't hold a steady speed you are probably one of those who should remove your radio and not take any one with you because you can't drive and do anything else! :-)

And one more thing, just to rattle a few chains..... I use earphones when I operate CW mobile. One ear covered and one uncovered. And yes, I do know what the law says! :-) (You can also ask me how tall my tower was and how tall the county says you can go.....)

One challenge to all the fear mongers out there..... I keep hearing all these silly stories about how someone with a cell phone scared you but that doesn't really mean anything to me. Here are some suggestions to show some data that MIGHT mean something.....

How much has the accident rate gone up since cell phones have become popular?

How many of the accidents that have happened to people while they were using their cell phones were chargeable to them?

How many of the accidents that involved someone who was using a cell phone would have happened anyway?

How many of the people who were chargeable and were using a cell phone already had a poor driving record and were at risk even without the phone?

So someone needs to really look into the problem to get some real data, not all this "I saw someone....." nonsense!

OK, back in my hole..... and don't bother with flames....they don't impress me any more than bad drivers do! :-)

cul, Ron KU7Y

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64,999,987 firearm owners killed no one yesterday

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 10:33:20 -0800 (PST)
From: Jim NOUR <n0ur@yahoo.com>
To: qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [91685] Fox: Won't you be my "Foxentine?" Hunt #35 NOUR
Message-ID: <20010214183320.58434.qmail@web10415.mail.yahoo.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

--- Jim <n0ur@mn.mediaone.net> wrote:
> From: "Jim" <n0ur@mn.mediaone.net>
> To: <n0ur@yahoo.com>
> Subject: Fw: Won't you be my "Foxentine?" Hunt #35
> NOUR
> Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 07:53:24 -0600
>
>
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: Jim
> To: QRP-L
> Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2001 10:20 PM
> Subject: Won't you be my "Foxentine?" Hunt #35 NOUR
>

>
> Ok, I know this is a stretch, but what can I say
> that has not already been said.
>
> Looks like I am up again Thursday eve, same time,
> same place. I like going above 7.040, and I like
> listening up.
>
> Good luck, and be kind.
>
> Jim N0UR
>

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Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 11:44:05 -0700
From: "Rod Cercone" <n0rc@hotmail.com>
To: <elecraft@qth.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91686] _REALLY GOOD_ Tuning Tools, What to Get?
Message-ID: <OE50eH5Gm7U00ajFfBu000076b7@hotmail.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Folks,

Just completed the band module for my K1. As I considered the slug
tuned cans that must be adjusted later, I thought: I WANT REALLY GOOD
tuning tools. I've got a mish mash of stuff that works OK from Radio
Shack & other places. But I want a set of tuning tools that when used,
make you smile and say--Man that a really good tool! Fit's snug with
no slop, no flex to the handle...etc. If your a tool guy like me you
know what I'm asking for.

73, Rod N0RC
Ft Collins CO

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 12:46:51 -0600
From: "Larry Gaalaas" <lgaalaas@qwest.net>
To: ku7y@qsl.net, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [91687] Re: TR Log
Message-ID: <002201c096b6\$7ea91b80\$0300000a@larry>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I second the recommendation of TR Log. Been using it for years. For \$15/year you get current upgrades.

----- Original Message -----

From: "Ron, KU7Y" <ku7y@qsl.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2001 10:59 AM
Subject: TR Log

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> cul, Ron KU7Y
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> (Currently near Quartzsite, AZ)
> A Proud AZScQRPion
> ***If guns cause crime then pencils cause misspelled words.***
>
>

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 13:10:47 -0600
From: "Stuart Rohre" <rohre@arlut.utexas.edu>
To: <wa4dou@excite.com>
Cc: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91688] Re: Lightning payout
Message-ID: <005101c096b9\$d661be60\$4e100a0a@rohredt2000>

Roy makes good points about having sufficient earth system to dissipate the lightning stroke. In many cases of tower hits to our Red Cross ham radio installation, (65 feet) Apparently what has saved the equipment, in addition to unplugging antennas not in use, and switching off power at a line disconnect, (wall switch rated 10,000 amps); was that the tower is grounded to a good conducting soil, and there is a sacrificial folded unipole ground plane antenna as the highest thing on the antenna stack. it takes the hits and transfers the current to the tower framework, as the unipole fold is grounded.

With crowfoot grounds coming off each leg of a tower, you can spread the charge out into the soil, and keep the voltage differential within bounds, such that the tower does not side flash to another conductor and the main body of current goes into earth. Crowfoot grounds are ground straps going

out in several directions from the tower leg, and being sized to be low inductance, and thus an intimate conductor to surrounding soil. It is like having radial ground spokes under a vertical broadcast (AM) tower.

While surge suppressors are a good thing to have, keep in mind that over time the common computer type that utilizes MOVs, (Metal Oxide Varistors), and look like disc ceramic caps, will shift their voltage threshold higher each time they are hit. If you have a big hit in your neighborhood, you might want to do some spot testing of one or another of the MOV type, and see if they are still breaking at the rated voltage. This can be done with a high voltage and current limited bench power supply, or old tube radio power supply with series resistor current limit, and a wire wound rheostat across it to tap off various voltage levels. You advance voltage and watch a milliamp meter until the MOV just starts to take increased current. If you see nothing as the voltage is just below the rated breakdown, the MOV is still good. Remember there are DC and RMS ratings, and I believe the one printed on them is the RMS (AC) rating. Be sure to convert to the appropriate units when doing the DC testing.

The gas suppressors with coil around them to quench the follow on arc, are what is often placed at the main breaker or meter panel. GE, Dale and others have made them over the years. These are spark gaps with voltage breakdown set by what inert gas is inside the package. The long term story on them is some gases, (all) leak through the glass cylinder or quartz tube over time, and the voltage may shift. There will still be some finite voltage breakdown set by the size of the spark gap inside. You lose some protection, but not all. I am not sure if there is some other method to check these, but the current monitoring of an advancing DC voltage as above will work even with those sealed in metal cans, which are common. (The cans have a conduit pipe fitting and screw into the side of the electrical box or meter box.)

Don't just throw up your hands and do nothing for your station. Read Polyphasor and other sources on lightning protection. (Lightning Elimination Associates) At the very LEAST, put a ground wire completely around your house buried as deep as you can, at least a foot. Connect all your grounds to it. If made to be 200 feet circumference and no. 10, which is available at Home Depot, or even better no. 6 copper, you will attain (in poor soil), (rocky limestone, alkaline soils), 10 ohms earth impedance, which is a long way along the road to having an earth ground. In 9M2 land, the power company would have been happy to have 10 ohms on a substation, but in the tropics it is almost impossible. (Soils leach out conductive components in daily rain, and will not conduct well).

-Stuart K5KVH

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 14:45:34 -0500
From: John Harper AE5X <ae5x@qsl.net>
To: aweiss@usd.edu, Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91689] Re: Long Dry Spell Broken!!
Message-ID: <008701c096be\$b488f100\$5b7abc18@johnharp>
MIME-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1
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Are you sure he's not D68C (rather than D8C)?

John Harper AE5X
Outdoor QRP & Lowband DXing: <http://www.qsl.net/ae5x>

----- Original Message -----

From: "Adrian Weiss" <aweiss@usd.edu>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2001 18:25 PM
Subject: Long Dry Spell Broken!!

> Hi all -- haven't worked a new country since TS7N on
> Nov. 20, and J79GU on Nov. 19.
>
> Came home to find QSL's from both today.
>
> Flipped on the rig and D8C Comoros Isl. running'em
> on 10.114.2, listening 2-up. Had called him before
> on a couple of occasions, but today was to be the
> day. His signal better than ever, and got him after
> 45-mins of calling!! Used the marginal 20m Delta
> Loop apex at 48ft, huge SWR loss (maybe 3-4dB).
>
> So, GREAT QRP DX DAY!!! totals = 122 QSL'd, 139 worked!!!
>
> He's still on (2328Z).
>
> 72, Ade
>
>

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 14:47:07 -0500

From: Bruce Muscolino <w6toy@erols.com>
To: ku7y@qsl.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [91690] Re: Tips on Operating Mobile CW
Message-ID: <3A8AE0BB.8715BBF0@erols.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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> talking now and then to the pits they overlooked many other classes of
> racing. The little go fast Indy cars have several adjustments that the
> driver makes during the course of the race. So do several other classes.
>

What I said was that racing drivers drive race cars. They use the radio while on the straights. Oddly enough, so do Indy Car drivers. I said NASCAR because I thought more of the members of this list would identify with the good old boys who are all from 'Murica. Indy Car drivers are a more International group. Don't even start with Formula 1 drivers!

73

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 15:20:18 -0500
From: Tim O'Rourke <TO'Rourke@KaiserFT.com>
To: "'qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU'" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91691] Yaesu FT-301SD Wanted
Message-ID: <910D8E9955E3D411B3AE00A0C9319CB801A5BE@MAIL>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"

I am still looking for a Ft-301SD in excellant condition. Would prefer all options, Amp not important though.

Tim O'Rourke
KG4CHX

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 20:35:24 -0000
From: "L. Jeffrey Hetherington" <jeff@systems95.com>
To: "QRP-L Mailing List" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Cc: "QRP Canada Mailing List" <qrp-canada@lists.gpfn.sk.ca>
Subject: [91692] Help - Schematic Needed

Message-ID: <001501c096c5\$ab2c3a20\$703ebace@jeff>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
 charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hello All!

A while back now I purchased an assembled Centennial-20 20m QRP SSB board.
I have finally gotten around to finishing the project and putting into an
enclosure.

My problem is that I moved in between buying the board and finishing the
project ... and the schematic and manual has gone missing.

If I remember correctly the manual/schematic were only a few pages stapled
together.

Is there anybody on these lists that may have a copy of this
manual/schematic for the Centennial-20?

I would even take a copy of the manual/schematic for the Centennial-80 if
that was all that was available.

Please contact me if you can help me out.

Thanks.

73/72

Jeff - VA3JFF

QRP-C #9 -- QRP-L #151

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L. Jeffrey Hetherington, B.Sc.

VA3JFF

Canadian QRP Award Web Site

<http://www.systems95.com/users/jeffh>

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 13:36:28 -0700
From: "bob baxter" <rbaxter@cybertrails.com>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91693] Re: Tips on Operating Mobile CW
Message-ID: <009d01c096c5\$d05f3cc0\$a9142aa2@bobbaxte>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Just look at the issue of
> tailgating

This goes for 18 wheelers too. I've had them so close, doing 10 over the limit, that I could only see the N and W in Kenworth in my mirror.

Bob Baxter AA7EQ
Bisbee, Az.

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 20:26:52 +0000
From: Euramcom <mel@euramcom.freeseve.co.uk>
To: <schoon@amgt.com>
Cc: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [91694] RE: Mobile CW
Message-ID: <E14T8m5-0006Nq-00.2001-02-14-20-43-42@cmailg2.svr.pol.co.uk>
Mime-Version: 1.0
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Regards

Mel

--72 and 73 de Mel Evans, e-mail mel@euramcom.freeserve.co.uk

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Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 15:20:56 -0500
From: "George Heron N2APB" <n2apb@erols.com>
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [91695] Pretty neat QST this month!
Message-ID: <000001c096c8\$67a3d670\$69ca9cce@ghlpt4>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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 charset="iso-8859-1"
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Hi folks -

If you haven't yet seen the recent issue of QST, it's a pretty neat one ...
especially for us QRPers.

1) Dave Benson, NN1G was kind in asking me to team up with him in writing an
article on the "PSK-80 Warbler" ... Dave covered the technical aspects of
his original design, while I added the history, user demographics analysis,
club kitting activity and general PSK31 usage schmoozey stuff. We think
it'll be an interesting read even for those who are already warblin' on the
bands. (And this QRP-L audience will likely recognize some of the Warbler
players mentioned ;-)

[BTW, N2CX helped us out a lot by proofing the multitude of iterations
we did leading up to the article submission. Thanks Joe!]

2) In another area of the current QST, Rich Arland, K7SZ keeps up the string
of great contributions in his regular QRP Power column. This month Rich
focuses on a couple of the active QRP clubs around the country, and the
NJQRP Club is prominently mentioned ... thanks a bunch Rich!

[BTW, my proofed review of the article didn't make it back to Rich in
time his submission deadline and a mis-statement slipped through -- I was
(erroneously) cited as being the founder of the NJQRP. As most of us here
in the NJ-area know, our #1 member is Vince Passione, WA2ECP and he is the
one who actually got us started back in the early years. And Vince is still

very active with us taking care of the membership roster and related issues, as well as being a volunteer for the many club-sponsored kits that we provide. Sorry about that mis-attribute Vince!

Hope you all enjoy the March QST. The guys in Newington are doing a great job.

72/73,
--George N2APB
n2apb@amsat.org

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 21:05:50 -0000
From: "L. Jeffrey Hetherington" <jeff@systems95.com>
To: "Multiple recipients of list QRP-CANADA" <qrp-canada@lists.gpfn.sk.ca>
Cc: "QRP-L Mailing List" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [91696] Re: Help - Schematic Needed
Message-ID: <001101c096c9\$ea45a6c0\$793ebace@jeff>
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Thanks to everybody ... a copy of the manual / schematic has been forwarded to me.

These lists continue to be helpful ... and QUICK!

Thanks again.

73/72

Jeff - VA3JFF

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L. Jeffrey Hetherington, B.Sc.
VA3JFF

<http://www.systems95.com/users/jeffh>

----- Original Message -----

From: "L. Jeffrey Hetherington" <jeff@systems95.com>
To: "Multiple recipients of list QRP-CANADA" <qrp-canada@lists.gpfn.sk.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2001 8:32 PM
Subject: Help - Schematic Needed

> Hello All!

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> A while back now I purchased an assembled Centennial-20 20m QRP SSB board.

> I have finally gotten around to finishing the project and putting into an
> enclosure.
>
> My problem is that I moved in between buying the board and finishing the
> project ... and the schematic and manual has gone missing.
>
> If I remember correctly the manual/schematic were only a few pages stapled
> together.
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> Is there anybody on these lists that may have a copy of this
> manual/schematic for the Centennial-20?
>
> I would even take a copy of the manual/schematic for the Centennial-80 if
> that was all that was available.
>
> Please contact me if you can help me out.
>
> Thanks.
> 73/72
> Jeff - VA3JFF
> QRP-C #9 -- QRP-L #151
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> L. Jeffrey Hetherington, B.Sc.
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Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 13:36:09 -0800
From: <schoon@amgt.com>
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>, <mel@euramcom.freemove.co.uk>
Subject: [91697] RE: Mobile CW
Message-ID: <c=US%a=_%p=American_Geotech%l=AG-CALCITE-
BD-010214213609Z-1714@mail.amgt.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Mel,

For my final response to this nearly dead topic, I have but one
question:

>All I would say to anyone who is contemplating driving in the rain is
to ask, Could you live with yourself if a moment's inattention of

turning on the windshield wipers caused you to kill or maim a child?
Could you still live with yourself??

We know what the answer would be.... We'd feel great pain and sorrow for what our actions caused. Yes, we'd still live on..... So, let's agree to disagree and move on... There's nothing to see here.

72

>.mark

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>From: Euramcom[SMTP:mel@euramcom.freemove.co.uk]

>Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2001 12:26 PM

>To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion

>Subject: RE: Mobile CW

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Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 15:57:02 -0600
From: "Chuck Carpenter" <w5usj@globeco.net>
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU
Subject: [91698] 40m TT2 Beacon @ ~7085 m/c
Message-ID: <3.0.2.32.20010214155702.007daeb0@mail.globeco.net>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

QRP-Lers,

Got another crystal for the Manhattan-style TT2 circuit with VX0 and keyer
mods.=20

I'll have it on the air again tonight, Wednesday, 14 Feb, from 0100 to

0130. The freq will be around 7085 +/-96 depending on QRM. Maybe this frequency will do better than 7122 w/BC stations... 8^)...

I'm keying it with a PK-3 keyer and the whole thing will be running from batteries. I'm using a ZM-2 coupler and the antenna will be my Butternut HF9V (Fox killer).

Let me know if you hear it -- QSL via email -- and many thanks.

Chuck Carpenter, W5USJ, Point, Rains Co., TX - EM22cv, NETXQRP #1
ARCI #5422, QRP-L #1306, SOC #57, Six Club #201, SMIRK #6275
RARA #3, NETXQRP =96 <http://www.angelfire.com/tx4/netxqrpclub/>
[TMPS] Qs - 41 States - 20 DX - 8 3W to HF9V or W9INN Inv V

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 16:10:10 -0600
From: "Jay Bromley" <w5jay@alltel.net>
To: <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91699] For Sale:Red Hot 40
Message-ID: <005801c096d2\$e8bef0a0\$0f9b66a6@default>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Gang the title says it all. It is not built and new in the box. I think I paid around \$130 for it and would like to get as much as I can back, offers? Going to the Tulsa hamfest this weekend and can deliver there, of course I can also ship out by carrier of your choice.

73 de w5jay..

Ph-501-651-7012

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 17:20:52 -0500
From: Pete Burbank <plburbank@kih.net>
To: rbaxter@cybertrails.com, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91700] Re: Tips on Operating Mobile CW

Message-ID: <5.0.2.1.0.20010214170705.00a73030@KIH.net>
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At 01:36 PM 2/14/2001 -0700, bob baxter wrote:

> Just look at the issue of
> > tailgating
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> This goes for 18 wheelers too. I've had them so close, doing 10 over
> the limit, that I could only see the N and W in Kenworth in my mirror.
>
> Bob Baxter AA7EQ
> Bisbee, Az.

If I recall the drivers test booklet said 10 feet for every 10MPH. I think Ron's opinion is based on driving on Western US roads. Around here few roads have shoulders and you can be in a ditch or ravine in a heartbeat.
73 Pete NV4V

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 17:39:03 -0500
From: "Juan Ferrari" <puntrad@usa.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91701] Re:Joy (Longish)
Message-ID: <038701c096d6\$ef02a6b0\$5e35f2d8@juan>
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Thank you very much to all who sent words of encouragement.

I was born, 58 years ago, in a country where you didn't need to know Morse code for getting a ticket (Uruguay, CX land). So, most of my generation's ops (myself included) used to work AM and SSB without caring about the code. When I got my ticket in the States, I had to learn the code, and because I'm living in a very restricted condo, I realize that if I liked to be active in radio I had no other choice than to be QRP, and in digital (CW included) modes. So I begin doing PSK31 while I teached myself code to 10 WPM, using the ARRL disks as Chuck Adams recommended. And now that I was able to make one QSO in CW it is very unlikely that I will leave it.

AGN TNX ,73 es DX

Juan - KG4FSN

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 17:40:12 -0500
From: "Victor Blackwell" <victor@brechnet.com>
To: <plburbank@kih.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>
Subject: [91702] Re: Tips on Operating Mobile CW
Message-ID: <001501c096d7\$18961d40\$365730d1@victor>
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That is one foot per mile per hour. That sounds a tad bit close even for Radio Flyers. Maybe QRP Radio Flyers?

Vic AD8K

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Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 17:45:45 -0500
From: "Richard Brummer, K2JQ" <k2jq@bestweb.net>
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91703] Re: Tips on Operating Mobile CW
Message-ID: <007101c096d7\$dec8a3c0\$ef07b3d8@obvious>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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73,
Dick K2JQ

Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 14:44:12 -0800
From: <schoon@amgt.com>
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>, <k2jq@bestweb.net>
Subject: [91704] RE: Tips on Operating Mobile CW
Message-ID: <c=US%a=_%p=American_Geotech%l=AG-CALCITE-BD-010214224412Z-1722@mail.amgt.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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I know what you mean! If I stayed back 10 feet for every car that go into my 'safe zone', and end up back where I started! :)

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>From: Richard Brummer, K2JQ[SMTP:k2jq@bestweb.net]
>Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2001 2:45 PM
>To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion
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Date: Wed, 14 Feb 2001 17:59:40 -0500
From: "Richard Brummer, K2JQ" <k2jq@bestweb.net>
To: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91705] Re: Tips on Operating Mobile CW

Message-ID: <009201c096d9\$d1e836a0\$ef07b3d8@obvious>
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That's it EXACTLY !

73,
Dick K2JQ
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Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2001 5:45 PM
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From: Tom Isgro <k8cz@concentric.net>
To: puntrad@usa.net
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>
Subject: [91706] Re: Joy (Longish)
Message-ID: <3A8B133F.65EC21DD@concentric.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Again congratulations to Juan.

Yes, once you get over the initial fear of the key it gets much easier.
The more you work CW the comfortable you will become. After a while you
look forward to it. Ninety percent of the guys in my general radio club
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"No matter where you go, there you are"

72, 73 oo's
Tom K8CZ Hamilton, OH
FPqrp #-41, QRP-l 945, FISTS 2360, NORCAL 2113, ARCI 9606,
10-10 68364, SCI 1479, ARS 203, SOC 336, ARRL

<http://www.geocities.com/k8cz/qrp.html>

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